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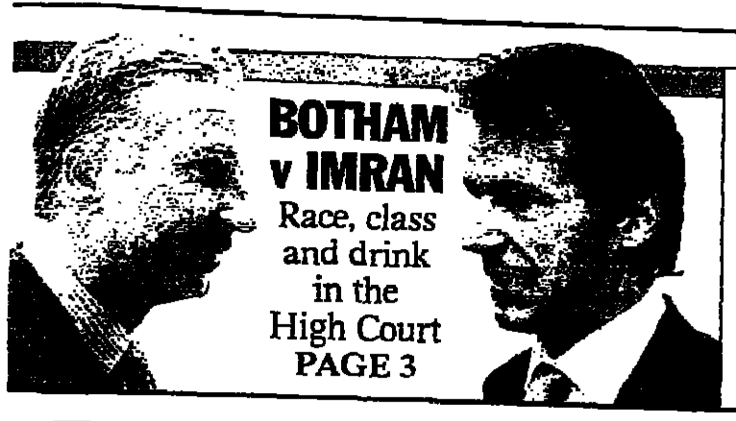

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Treasury ponders shrinking State

US-style cuts in welfare under review

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

RADICAL proposals for privatising the welfare state and slashing spending on education are being examined by the Treasury as possible ways of cutting the size of the State in the next century.

Ideas imported from the Republicans in America — and long favoured by Conservative rightwingers — include reducing benefits for teenage mothers, time-limiting benefits and extending private insurance to cover pensions, sickness and unemployment.

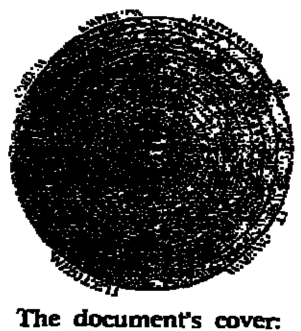
The Government is also considering reducing state support for the education of children over 16 and privatising the road system, according to a far-reaching document called *Strategic Considerations for the Treasury 2000 to 2005*, which has been obtained by *The Times*.

The document, in which officials consider a so-called Contract with Britain on the lines of Newt Gingrich's Contract with America, says that the rising demand for education beyond GCSE is unaffordable and "private returns to individuals and their employers exceed social returns". The existing system could be replaced by a mixture of vouchers for sixth formers, extended loans for students and contributions from employers.

The paper also reveals that the Government is still actively considering going beyond existing experiments in privatising the roads, so that they are treated "as a utility rather than a public service", with the role of central and local government limited.

Considering proposals which "go beyond the Republican agenda", the document says that the idea of privatising contributory benefits covering insurable risks, such as retirement, incapacity and unemployment was "gaining support".

It refers to schemes in Germany allowing people to contract out of sickness benefits, in Chile where there is private insurance for all pension provision and in Singapore where there are compulsory savings towards a range of welfare provisions.



The document's cover: A look into the future

The document, examining how the Treasury might respond to different policy demands over the next five to ten years, was written early this year by a group of senior officials reporting to Sir Terence Burns, the Permanent Secretary.

As well as looking at how the Treasury might be affected if a future government demanded a smaller State, it also carried out a detailed study of how to manage public spending if there were no radical changes in the State's responsibilities.

Although the paper makes plain that it is not considering explicitly how a future Labour government might tackle the tasks of the new millennium, it does examine policy options that have more in common with Labour's approach.

But the disclosure that the Treasury had considered the Republican agenda provoked fury from Labour last night. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor who will raise the report in today's Commons debate on the economy, said: "This plan would amount to nothing more than the demolition of Britain's welfare state.

"The Chancellor must explain why, behind closed doors without being honest about their intentions, the Treasury have been considering extreme right-wing American ideas for the wholesale privatisation of the welfare state and its replacement by private insurance, even for the basic state provision. This insight into Tory fifth-term thinking is not just a lurch, but a stampede to the Right."

The document confirms predictions that Britain will slip from the "first division" of world economies in the next 20 years. It predicts that it will have been overtaken by India, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand by 2015, with Mexico and South Korea close behind — and even suggests that at some point ministers will have to decide whether national economic interests are best served by "hitching itself" so closely to European Union markets that it jeopardises its prospects with the "tiger" economies of the Far East.

Mr Brown said last night that the report showed that the Government was prepared to see Britain fall behind Thailand and Brazil because of their policies without being prepared to tackle the causes of decline but simply to manage it.

The officials go on to describe the advent of a single European currency is the biggest challenge facing the Treasury, and say that early British entry would be the best option for the City. But the paper adds: "City interests are unlikely to drive this policy", and concludes that there is less than a 50 per cent chance of Britain joining in 1999 — whoever is in power.

The leak of the report will embarrass the Government. But the authors will also have red faces over its disclosure that they seem less than happy about the drive towards open government. They make plain that they fully expect soon to be required to publish not only their economic conclusions but the advice on which they are based. "We would not be able to rewrite or edit papers or fillet files as now," they write.

Mr Brown said that the revelation that the Treasury had "filleted" files would outrage fair-minded people.

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The Princess of Wales at the Royal Marsden Hospital which she will continue to back after losing her HRH title

Charities fear drop in support after Princess resigns as patron

By Emma Wilkins

THE Princess of Wales left nearly 100 British and Commonwealth charities shocked and disappointed yesterday when she resigned as their patron.

In the first move towards her new life as a semi-detached member of the Royal Family, the Princess has cut her workload to just six charities of her own choice. The 93 rejected charities were informed of the Princess's decision in a typed letter from Kensington Palace dated July 15 — the day the first stage of the royal divorce proceedings were concluded.

The Princess, who personally addressed and signed each letter, wrote: "It has been a great privilege for me to serve as your patron and it has always been my wish that I should do so wholeheartedly and to the best of my ability. Therefore it is with great sadness that I write to you in order to explain matters which have now become apparent.

"As you know, my personal circumstances, in particular my marriage to The Prince of Wales, have been the subject of detailed conjecture in recent months, and this will soon be formalised in the normal legal manner.

"Although I am embarking upon the future with hope, I also do so with some trepidation since there are a number of matters which I shall need to resolve. It is for this reason that I am writing in order to resign my current role as patron with you. As I seek to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I believe you deserve. I feel that someone else in the Royal Family may now be better suited to support your tremendous endeavours.

"I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the many opportunities that you have provided me with for serving the people of this country. I will always retain a keen interest in everything that you do and trust that we shall have reason for our paths to cross in the not too distant future."

Her resignation has left at least one charity fearing that a new £2.5 million appeal for a residential home for blind children could be in jeopardy.

Details will be announced in the autumn of the Princess's expanded role with the Centrepoint homeless charity, the National Aids Trust, the Leprosy Mission which has links with Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and the English National Ballet. She also remain president of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children and the Royal Marsden Hospital, which specialises in cancer research and treatment.

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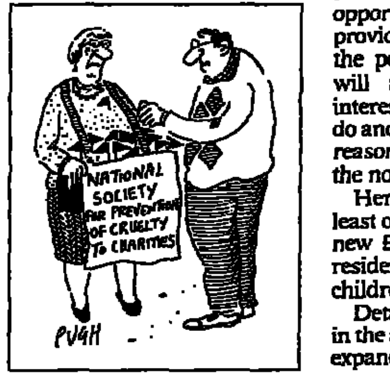

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Clinton bows to protests on Cuba trading

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton bowed to pressure from Britain and Europe last night and reached a highly political compromise over controversial American sanctions against Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba.

After two days of intense debate with his political and foreign policy advisers, Mr Clinton announced a decision that the White House hopes will avoid a trade war with allies but still court the important Cuban-American vote for November's presidential election.

Although the President agreed to the most contentious part of sanctions legislation against Cuba, allowing any American whose property was confiscated after the Cuban Revolution in 1959 to sue foreign companies using their asset, he delayed any lawsuits for up to six months.

The ruling prevents immediate retaliation by the European Union or British Government, which had started planning action against American companies yesterday amid a growing transatlantic dispute. The compromise was seen in certain quarters as a climbdown by the Administration in the face of intense international pressure.

Mr Clinton signed the Republican sponsored Helms-Burton Bill in March, after the Cuban air force shot down two U S civilian aircraft.

Under the terms of the Bill, he had been given until midnight last night to decide on Title III, the provision which would allow American citizens and corporations to take legal proceedings against foreign companies in Cuba.

One British diplomat said: "We are pleased with the delay on lawsuits but would have liked Title III to have vanished altogether."

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Beef deal doubts

The safety of British beef by-products was thrown into question again when the European Commission reported scientific doubts about the conditions under which Britain is to be allowed to resume exports after a hard-fought agreement last month. Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, said that "the issue of gelatine" was to be re-examined......... Page 10

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MPs approve sale of forces' homes

By James Landale, Political Reporter

MICHAEL PORTILLO yesterday averted a Tory backbench rebellion over the planned sale of the armed forces' married quarters by offering MPs a range of concessions.

The Commons victory came despite the publication yesterday of a report by the Tory-dominated Defence select committee criticising the Defence Secretary for the way the sale has been handled.

MPs voted by 307 to 275 against a Labour motion calling for the sale to be delayed for further consultation. Ministers hope to raise up to £2 billion by selling and then renting back some 58,000 army homes to one large corporate developer. Final bids must be in by the end of July and the sale is expected to go ahead in mid-August.

The move prompted widespread opposition from Tory MPs and the armed forces who feared it would harm morale by breaking up "patches" where service famililes live and provide support for each other. Mr Portillo told MPs he had taken on board these fears and announced three concessions:

☐ Service families would be consulted if a developer wanted to move them from one site to another. Although the families could not veto the move, the Government would take their views into account before deciding if the developer had met very strict criteria for the move. This has been one of the main concerns of service families.

☐ The Government would ensure that schools were near to the new site and also of good quality.

☐ Developers would have to give four years notice, instead of the original two, if they wanted to redevelop a site, after 25 years. This would give the Ministry of Defence more time to find new homes.

Shares dive after selling on Wall St

By Janet Bush

LONDON shares registered their biggest drop for more than two years yesterday as a selling contagion swept over the Atlantic from Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 66 lower at 3,632.3, after Wall Street slumped by 161 points on Monday.

New York investors were running scared after brokers said that shares that have enjoyed a record-breaking run this year were now overvalued. They were also worried about possible American interest rate rises.

Wall Street seemed to stabilise briefly yesterday, but by lunchtime the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down another 90 points.

In London, there was concern about figures showing that the Government borrowed £3.6 billion more than it received in taxes last month.

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Oxford given £20m by Arab magnate

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A MYSTERIOUS Middle-Eastern businessman, whose racehorses have won two of this year's classics, yesterday announced a £20 million gift to Oxford University to found a new business school.

Wafic Said, a financier and construction magnate, is a friend of Baroness Thatcher and the Saudi royal family. He helped British Aerospace clinch a £20 billion arms contract with Saudi Arabia, although he insists that he has never been an arms dealer and took no commission.

In an unusual step, Dr Peter North, the university Vice-Chancellor, wrote to all dons yesterday, telling them of the scheme. The donation has been approved by Oxford's ethics committee, but Mr Said's business background is likely to attract criticism in the university.

With many dons already away from the city on vacation, the timing of the announcement minimised any immediate risk of opposition.

The university is almost half way to raising another £20 million to staff the school, which will occupy land presently used as playing fields.

Mr Said never completed a degree, although his father founded Syria's first university in Damascus. But his son Khaled has just graduated from Oxford after studying law at Balliol College.

The school, which will cater eventually for 500 students, aims to compete with the top American and European institutions and will, subject to planning permission, open in the 1998-99 academic year.

☐ Lord Nuffield's £3 million gift to establish medical sciences in the 1930s, worth about £77 million at today's prices, is considered Oxford's most valuable donation in modern times.

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If you want the answer to an easy question, don't ask a Labour MP

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Harry Barnes (Lab, Derbyshire NE) has just stumbled upon an important truth. It came in an envelope addressed to him by mistake: a note from a minister in the Department of Trade and Industry . . .

"Dear Colleague, I should be most grateful if you could spare the time to attend a brief discussion with DTI Ministers at 2.15 on Wednesday, July 17. Your contribution to DTI Question Time at 2.30 is much appreciated, and this will be an opportunity to ensure that the resultant exchanges are, as far as possible, beneficial to all concerned.

"The meeting will be held in the Large Ministerial Conference Room. I look forward to seeing you there. Yours ever, Simon Coombs."

It was immediately clear to the sharp-clawed Mr Barnes what was going on. Coombs had read the order paper and noted the Tories lined up to question ministers. Now he was trying to bully them into asking questions that ministers wanted to answer. Coombs had mistaken Barnes for a Tory.

Mr Barnes tells me he plans to attend. He told Madam Speaker yesterday about the invitation.

MPs on both sides roared with laughter. Ministers have always made furtive attempts to "plant" patsy questions on poodling backbench colleagues, but what surprised and amused us was to see this being done so methodically.

When your sketchwriter was a Tory backbencher, ministers still had shame. The frontbencher himself would never contact you. Instead, his parliamentary private secretary would just happen to join the queue for toast in the Members' tearoom. After some polite chat about the weather, he would say: "Oh, by the way, I see you're in line for a question to my boss about widget production. Any special concerns you might be raising? He likes to do his homework, you know."

"Yes," one would reply. "This new tax on widget exports. It's killing a factory in my constituency."

"Ah," he would say, followed by a long pause. "Tricky. You may not know that my boss is fighting very hard for widget manufacturing, behind the scenes. Now, if you asked him for a climbdown *now* — well, he couldn't. Counterproductive, you see — harden things up just when we're trying to soften."

"Hmm."

"But if you could ask him for the good news on widgets — well, an optimistic note would make his life — and yours — easier."

"But I don't feel optimistic."

"Come and have a drink with him after the 7pm vote tonight, and tell him so *privately*. He'd appreciate that. He really does rate you, you know. Was saying so only this morning. 'That Parris is a good man to have on side,' he told me. 'Shamefully overlooked . . .'."

One was left feeling like a complete heel unless one cooperated. Now, it seems, it's done in a more military style. Either way, it never works. Scripted exchanges sound like scripted exchanges. At Prime Minister's Questions yesterday (just before Harry Barnes spoke) John Major, stung by a needling question from Tony Blair, had blasted the Labour front bench out of the water, to cheers from behind him. A moment later David Amess (C, Basildon) tried a poodling question ("new phoney Labour: new real danger") and elicited the limpest of replies from Mr Major.

DTI ministers would be wise to eject Barnes from their meeting. He gives ministers a better chance to shine by staying where he is: outside, throwing rocks.

Bitter exchanges at Stormont replace violence on streets

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

UP TO 500 troops were withdrawn from Northern Ireland yesterday in a clear signal from the RUC and the Army that they believe the security crisis has abated.

But as soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment flew home last night, the political fall-out from last week's violence worsened as politicians traded recriminations at the multiparty talks at Stormont.

The SDLP and the Alliance Party called on George Mitchell, chairman of the talks, to review the Ulster Unionists' participation after the party allegedly stoked up last week's trouble.

John Major pleaded with loyalist terrorists to back away from a tit-for-tat campaign of violence in response to the bomb that virtually destroyed a hotel in Enniskillen. He reacted to Unionist threats of increased violence by saying that the weekend bombing must not "relaunch the cycle of violence" in Northern Ireland and he praised loyalists for their past restraint.

Mr Major said: "I particularly welcome the restraint that has continually been shown by the loyalist groups and I hope very much they will continue to show that restraint in the future."

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, will hold talks with Mr Major in Downing Street this afternoon. The MP for Foyle will be joined by his three parliamentary colleagues for his first meeting with the Prime Minister since last week's stand-off at Drumcree.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, proposed that Mr Major should hold a joint meeting with the leaders of the four main constitutional parties in Northern Ireland. This would include Mr Trimble, Mr Hume, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists and John Alderdice, the Alliance leader.

Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the SDLP, said Mr Trimble had flouted the Mitchell principles of non-violence by supporting the loyalist protest at Drumcree. Mr Mallon also highlighted a meeting Mr Trimble held at Drumcree at the height of the crisis with Billy Wright, a former Ulster Volunteer Force prisoner who has links with paramilitaries in the Mid-Ulster area.

John Alderdice, the Alliance leader, also criticised Mr Trimble. He said: "Anyone who looked at the television pictures of the last week can only have seen force and the threat of the use of force and can only have seen the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party leading the charge."

Mr Trimble, whose Upper Bann constituency includes Drumcree, vehemently rejected the allegations: "We are opposed to the use of force and have called on people to maintain their ceasefire. We followed up those words with practical action on the streets at considerable inconvenience to ourselves to try to maintain the peace."

It is understood that Mr Trimble's comments referred to a meeting he had with Mr Wright last Wednesday at Drumcree. A senior Ulster Unionist source said that Mr Trimble called on Mr Wright to use his influence to maintain the loyalist ceasefire and to ensure that a bulldozer, which had been driven to Drumcree by loyalists, was not used to break through police lines.

A sign of hope came as Sir Patrick Mayhew and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, tried to mend fences in a half-hour meeting. Sir Patrick reacted furiously last week when the Irish Government criticised the RUC for allowing Orangemen to march along the nationalist Garvaghy Road in Portadown to defuse the five-day stand-off.

A senior Irish source said that last night's talks, which will be followed up by a full Anglo-Irish Conference in London tomorrow, were friendly. The source said: "They want to put this back on the rails because the alternative is horrendous."

Half of the 1,000 troops flown in last week will remain in Northern Ireland, underlining the RUC's fear that there is still a threat of terrorism. The move leaves 18,000 troops in Northern Ireland, including the 1st Battalion of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

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Manchester seeks redesign plans

By Kate Alderson

ARCHITECTS are being invited today to submit plans for the rebuilding of Manchester city centre which was destroyed by an IRA bomb last month.

The City Centre Task Force, set up with European and government funding, will announce details of the International Design Competition at Manchester Town Hall. The Task Force, a partnership of business, council and government representatives, is offering a £50,000 prize to the competition winner.

Richard Leese, Labour leader of the city council, said Manchester had been horrifically damaged by the bomb. "We have an opportunity to replan a city centre, the first time such an opportunity has existed since after the war in this country." The redesign should allow the medieval district and the northern part of the city, cut off by the Arndale Centre, to be reintegrated, he said. It would also create more pedestrian-only spaces and reintroduce the River Irwell into city life.

More than 100,000 square feet of retail and office space was devastated by the bomb on June 15. The competition winner will be announced in November.

☐ Police teams stripped the interior of two south London houses used by a suspected IRA active service unit yesterday as seven men continued to be questioned by anti-terrorist branch detectives. Detectives are also hunting for a store of up to 180 kilograms of Semtex.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Wafic Said, who put aside his cherished privacy to announce the £20 million gift

Affection for Britain lures financier into limelight

By Bill Frost

FABULOUS wealth and the discretion demanded by a network of the world's most influential contacts have fostered Wafic Said's passion for privacy.

The Syrian-born financier normally shuns the limelight. So he must have surprised even himself by agreeing to appear at yesterday's press conference to announce his £20 million gift to Oxford University.

His world of discreet nods and whispered confidences eschews intrusion. Too many deals could be put in jeopardy, too many reputations risked. Mr Said, now a Saudi citizen, is becoming the most publicity-shy tycoon since Howard Hughes. He employs Sir Tim Bell, the doyen of British public relations, to keep his name *out* of the media.

After a particularly glowing profile in one national newspaper, the journalist responsible was told by Mr Said's mother that the subject of the hagiography was displeased. "Whether you write good or bad things about him, he despises it all," she said.

He first came to prominence in 1992 during a Commons Select Committee hearing on the "Iraqi Supergun" affair when he was said to be the British Aerospace agent in Saudi Arabia who had helped secure "the weapons sale of the century" for this country.

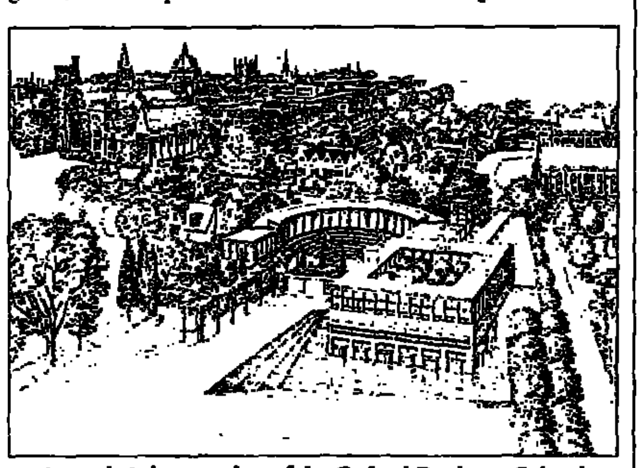
The £20 billion Al Yamamah deal, signed by Baroness Thatcher while Prime Minister, was alleged to have given her son Mark a "slice of the action". Mr Said himself was to say later that he had "never even sold a penknife". However, there is no question about his friendship with the Thatchers and their fondness for him.

Mr Said was born rich and studied in Beirut before coming to London in 1959 to take up a place at the Institute of Bankers. At a coffee shop in Bayswater he was to make friends with two Saudi princelings — Bandar and Khalid, sons of Prince Sultan, a brother of King Fahd and soon to become the Minister of Defence.

Tragedy was to bring Mr Said close to Prince Sultan and guarantee his place on the world's financial stage. His son drowned when he came to the defence minister's home to be sworn in as a Saudi Arabian citizen in 1981.

By ancient tradition, the Saudi royal family was then bound to the bereaved father. The tragedy came at a time when they were major spenders in the world defence market. The relationship was to be Mr Said's passport to financial backing that only petrodollars can give. It opened the door to the West's political leaders too.

Married 25 years ago to Rosemary, a Briton, Mr Said has developed an ardent passion for British traditions and sportsmanship. Although now based in Monaco with homes in Paris, Marbella and Riyadh, he is said to have fallen in love with England.



An artist's impression of the Oxford Business School

NEWS IN BRIEF

One in three CSA judgments is wrong

Absent fathers owe £900 million to the mothers caring for their children, most of which will never be recovered, according to the official auditor's report on the Child Support Agency. One in three of its maintenance assessments is wrong by as much as £30 a week.

Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, accepts that the agency is improving: last year every second assessment was wrong. Errors included the use of insufficient or out-of-date information, arithmetical mistakes, the use of incorrect mortgage rates or making too much allowance for self-employed fathers' expenses.

For the second year running Sir John has refused to accept that the accounts of the agency are accurate. He said there was insufficient information to determine the financial impact of incorrect maintenance assessments.

Gun lobby seeks funds

The gun lobby in Britain is urging gun clubs and shooters to give financial support for a drive to counter mounting public pressure for a ban on the private ownership of handguns and to pay for legal representation at the Dunblane inquiry. A spokesman for the British Shooting Sports Council declined to say how much cash had been raised so far. He denied a suggestion from the anti-gun lobby that the campaign required £500,000.

Tube talks continue

Rail union officials and executives from London Underground were locked in talks at the conciliation service Acas last night in a final attempt to avert tomorrow's Tube strike. The one-day walkout by drivers from the Aslef and Rail, Maritime and Transport unions is expected to bring virtually all Underground services to a halt from midnight tonight. The unions are in dispute over a promised one hour cut in the working week.

Scots get a say on stone

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is to give the public a say on where the Stone of Scone will be housed when it returns to Scotland. Submissions will be accepted until August 16. The Government yesterday released a secret file it claims authenticates the stone, based on X-rays made in the 1970s. There was speculation that a fake may have been returned to London after the stone's theft from Westminster Abbey in 1950.

Castle attacks Labour

Baroness Castle of Blackburn launched a pamphlet attacking Labour's pensions policy yesterday. The former Labour Social Services Minister, now 85, challenged the party leadership to reverse a policy U-turn and keep basic state pensions rising in line with earnings. The party recently hinted that state pensions should rise only with inflation, a much lower increase. She criticised its ruling body, the National Executive Committee, as being "supine".

Poacher sparks alert

A security review has been ordered at the official Dublin residence of the Irish President Mary Robinson after she discovered a poacher in the grounds. President Robinson and her husband Nicholas spotted the 18-year-old intruder fishing in a pond at Aras an Uachtarain in Phoenix Park while on a stroll. She personally escorted him off the premises. Three weeks ago another man got over the perimeter fence and was found in the grounds.

Sailor electrocuted

A British sailor was killed when his yacht clipped electricity lines in the Philippines, sending 62,000 volts through his body. A verdict of accidental dath was recorded on Graham Aspery, 35, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, at an inquest in Portsmouth. The yacht was blown apart as the current passed down the mast but only two small burns were visible on Mr Aspery: on his right hand where the power entered his body and on his left foot where it left.

New Radio 4 controller

James Boyle, the head of Radio Scotland, has been appointed the controller of Radio 4. He will take up the post in early autumn when Michael Green steps down. Mr Boyle joined the BBC in 1975 and became head of Radio Scotland in 1992. He said: "I know the passion Radio 4 inspires in its audience and programme makers and I will listen to their concerns in working to maintain the intelligence and interest that pervade its programmes."

Bottomley sidelined in Tories' summer campaign

By Andrew Pierce
political correspondent

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY and Douglas Hogg have been sidelined by the Tory high command in Cabinet infighting over who should lead a summer campaign against Labour. Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman who advocated their dismissal in a reshuffle, has succeeded in limiting their media appearances in a forthcoming offensive.

Mrs Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is furious that she has been given shared responsibility for the regions with Roger Freeman, out of the national spotlight. Mr Hogg will not feature at all. Hard-hitting ministers of state, such as Ann Widdecombe, will have higher profiles.

Agreement on a series of Central Office committees to spearhead the fightback was expected at last week's political Cabinet meeting, which rubber-stamped the "New Labour, new danger" campaign. But the process was delayed by a failure before the Cabinet meeting to agree on which ministers should serve on which committees.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will chair a committee to examine Labour's economic proposals. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will cover the constitution. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will lead on law and order. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, will chair a committee to expose splits in the Labour Party. Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister, will act as his deputy.

One of Mr Portillo's supporters said last night: "Membership has not been finalised. He has to tread carefully. His remit extends into other ministers' responsibilities."

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will also play a key role in the summer campaign.

A senior Central Office aide said: "We view the regions as a very important dimension of our presentation over the coming months. It will be a great test for Mrs Bottomley's skills." The Heritage Secretary does not share the opinion. She believes she has been deliberately shunted into the sidings by Dr Mawhinney, the party chairman. One party source said: "She is absolutely furious at being left out. They are trying to keep her off the television."

Yesterday Dr Mawhinney unveiled a poster bearing the slogan "Labour's Union Jack" over a white flag, with the message: "New Labour, No Britain."

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Carman: 'Are you a truthful man?' Botham: 'We're not all saints. I once broke a window'

Botham ducks QC's bouncers in court attack

By Joanna Bale and Tim Jones

IAN BOTHAM underwent an hour of searching cross-questioning by George Carman, QC, the leading libel lawyer, in the High Court yesterday as he was challenged over whether he told the truth.

On the second day of his libel action against Imran Khan, the former England cricket captain stood defensively in the dock with his arms crossed as Mr Carman, representing Imran, launched his attack. Botham, who with his former colleague, Allan Lamb, is suing the former Pakistan captain for libel, was asked by Mr Carman: "Are you a truthful man?"

Botham: "Yes sir, I'd like to think so."

Mr Carman: "Always?"

Botham: "As often as you can be. We are not all saints. I once broke a window at school — we all do something wrong."

Earlier Botham had glared at Imran as the two clashed over Imran's review of his autobiography, in which he said the real hero was Botham's wife, Kathy. In the exchange, which occurred as Botham stood in the witness box only yards from where Imran was sitting with his wife, Jemima — the first occasion on which the two men had acknowledged each other's presence during the hearing — Botham told him his marriage was very successful.

Botham is suing Imran for libel over an article in *The Sun* in which he said that illegal ball tampering was common among fast bowlers.

Botham and Lamb are also suing the former Pakistan captain over an article in *India Today* magazine in which Imran allegedly accused them of racism, of being uneducated and of lacking class and upbringing.

Mr Carman asked Botham why he did not pursue libel actions against two Sunday newspapers which alleged that he had taken drugs and indulged in extra-marital sex during cricket tours of New Zealand and the West Indies.

Botham said that he had not wanted to "risk everything" he had worked for by taking on Sunday newspapers with huge resources. Botham said he was well aware of an article in the *News Of The World* in 1986 which alleged he had sex with Miss Barbados and had taken cocaine with her during a tour of the West Indies. Mr Carman put it to Botham that the article had caused "great personal distress in your relationship with your wife".

Botham, whose wife Kathy was in court, replied: "Yes, it caused her distress until I spoke to her about it. I told her that it was untrue, and she understood."

Mr Carman asked him why he had dropped legal action against British newspapers, but had decided to sue Imran on the basis of something published in *India Today*.

Botham answered: "When I am accused of cheating, or of being a racist, I feel strongly about that. I feel that a 20-year career has been tarnished, and that is why I pursued this."

Carman: searching cross-questioning

He also agreed he had not sued Ian Chappell, the former Australian captain, who had called him "a habitual liar", and claimed Botham had attacked him with a beer glass. To laughter, Botham replied: "No, sir. He's an Australian. I didn't take any notice of it."

Botham was forced by Mr Carman to explain why he had lied to journalists after allegations were made by *The Mail On Sunday* that he took marijuana and cocaine, and encouraged two girls to have sex with him in an hotel during a cricket tour of New Zealand.

Mr Carman put it to Botham that, "you held a press conference or spoke to a large group of journalists to say publicly that you had never taken marijuana or cocaine in your life".

Mr Carman added: "That was a lie, wasn't it?"

Botham denied that he had lied, saying: "No, because I had to take legal advice, and when confronted by journalists you tend to freeze."

Mr Carman: "It was a lie, wasn't it?"

Botham: "Yes, sir."

Mr Carman mentioned Botham's prosecution in 1986 for possession of marijuana after police raided his home, then moved on to a joke Botham had made about Pakistan during a radio interview which caused him to be suspended and fined £1,000 by the English cricket authorities.

Mr Carman said: "What you said about Pakistan was that it was where you would like to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid."

Botham replied. "No, I said for two weeks."

When the laughter died down Mr Carman went on: "That was a disgracefully offensive observation to the people and cricketers of Pakistan, wasn't it?"

Botham replied that he had meant it as a light-hearted "mother-in-law joke".

Mr Carman: "You don't like Pakistan?"

Botham: "Why would I not like it? I have no objection to playing there. I've been there three times and I have a lot of friends there."

Botham had earlier told how he demanded an apology after Imran had written a cutting review of his autobiography in which he said: "By the time I had finished the autobiography, I was in no doubt as to who the real hero of the book is. It is Botham's wife, Kathy. I wish her all the luck for the remainder of her marriage."

Turning his gaze directly at Imran, Botham said: "I thought it was an extremely arrogant remark and I would like to inform Imran that my wife and I have an extremely successful marriage, thank you."

In the review two years ago in *The Sunday Times*, Imran had described the autobiography as "a sad book that displays his bitterness". The case continues.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Ian Botham and his wife, Kathy, arriving at the High Court, where the cricketer spent yesterday fielding questions about ball tampering

Dogged Beefy plays a straight bat to legal googlies in marathon innings

By Alan Hamilton

SOME juries have to endure the Maxwell trial, or the endless McDonald's saga. Others get to watch cricket.

The seven men and five women in court 13 of the High Court were treated to a sparkling innings yesterday as Ian Botham, on the second day of his libel action against Imran Khan, faced the devastating reverse swing bowling of George Carman, QC. Mr Carman does not take prisoners; he takes wickets.

Court 13 is in dire need of a new south stand; a capacity crowd filled the wholly inadequate public gallery and many were left disappointed outside. Those inside enjoyed a measure of participation in the games: judge, counsel, jury and key witness all had shining and untampered new balls to play with, and shortly before lunch play stopped so that they could watch some old Test match clips showing Botham possibly, or possibly not, doing something to a ball. They enjoyed it so much they asked to see it again, with the television a bit closer.

Botham, at the wicket all day, had an easy start to his innings in the witness box, juggling the new ball from hand to hand in spare moments, and effortlessly stonewalling the medium-paced bowling of his own QC, Charles Gray. Dressed in blue blazer and off-white flannels, he managed to score the occasional single, as when he explained that he had abandoned plans in the 1980s to take a multiracial team to South Africa; not because he was being insufficiently paid, but because he was insulted by the South African's offer to make Viv Richards an "honorary white" so that he and Botham could dine in the same restaurant.

He scored another easy two when asked what he thought of an article by Imran in *The Sunday Times* suggesting that the real hero was his wife for putting up with him. "It was extremely arrogant, and I would like to inform you that we have an extremely successful marriage, thank you." Played with a straight bat, in front of strawberry-blonde wife spectating in the front row.

Botham played all accusations of ball-tampering straight back down the pitch. Yes, he did throw the new ball to the wicketkeeper, but not for him to rough up one side with his gloves, merely to wipe off the sweat that had gathered after being in a cellophane bag in the umpire's pocket. The jury passed a note up to the judge. Could they see some old balls? Mr Carman said: "I have taken the precaution of bringing with me some old balls — er, used balls."

But then after the lunch interval, Mr Carman took his position at the bowler's end for six overs of cross-examination. The deliveries came at Botham from unexpected directions.

What about the marijuana, cocaine and women in New Zealand? What about sex with Miss Barbados? What about the dropping of libel actions against *The Mail on Sunday* and the *News of the World*? Mr Gray was on his feet appealing to the umpire, Mr Justice French, that Miss Barbados was a clear no-ball, but the judge allowed the questioning to proceed. Botham had to give up stonewalling and fling his bat about a bit. Are you a truthful man, Mr Botham? I think so, sir, although I may have broken a window at school. You told lies to journalists, Mr Botham. You tend to panic when faced with journalists, sir.

But Botham got in two quick singles, one when Mr Carman recalled that the cricketer's home had been raided and drugs found. The witness retorted: "0.19 of a gram of marijuana; I remember it well." He got the other when asked why he was continuing his libel action against the magazine *India Today*, while he had once dropped one against the *News of the World*, which had an infinitely larger circulation. "Not in Asia, I wouldn't have thought." Appreciative laughter from the crowd.

Mr Gray was on his feet again, appealing once more to the umpire against muck-raking. Mr Carman was again allowed to continue.

But instead of pursuing Miss Barbados, Mr Carman produced what appeared to be a paper bag of apples. It was in fact the old balls the jury had asked for. He handed them to the judge, who passed them to the jury, who fondled them like exotic worry beads.

"I am waiting for Mr Carman to say, 'Can I have my ball back?'," the judge interjected, barely suppressing a laugh. Clearly delighted with his own small shaft of wit, the umpire declared stumps drawn for the day. England's innings continues today when Mr Carman will resume the bowling for Pakistan.

Boy, 13, arrested in Jade murder case

By Adam Fresco

A BOY aged 13 was arrested yesterday by police investigating the murder of the schoolgirl Jade Matthews.

He spent the day at an undisclosed police station on Merseyside being questioned about his movements on July 7, the day that Jade, 9, was found battered to death on a railway siding.

Police would not say if he was the same 13-year-old who was arrested and held for 24 hours last week before being released without charge. Two 17-year-old youths and Jade's natural father were also arrested last week and later released.

Jade disappeared after going out to play near her home in Bootle about 4pm on the Sunday. Hundreds of neighbours and friends joined police that night in a search for her. Her body was discovered by a police dog handler a mile and a half away early next morning. She had been battered to death with part of a wooden window frame.

Several witnesses have spoken of seeing Jade on July 7 with a 13-year-old boy with a mountain bike. They are among dozens who have come forward in response to appeals for help by police and Jade's mother and stepfather, Denise, 31, and Stephen, 37.

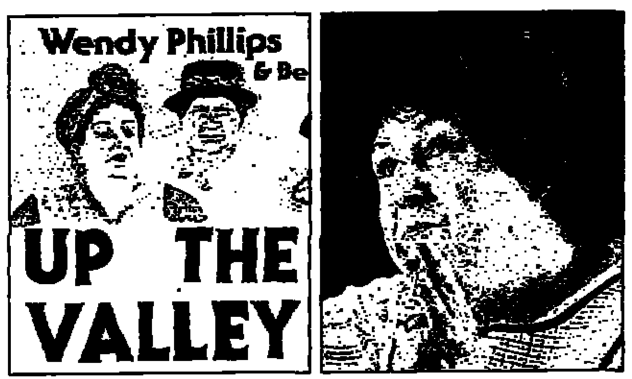
A mobile police station set up for five hours close to the murder scene a week after the crime brought more than 60 fresh calls.

Cleaner is swept away to star in Hollywood

By Peter Foster

A SCHOOL cleaning lady is going to Hollywood, to star in a film about a woman who wins a trip to Hollywood. Film-makers believe their discovery, Wendy Phillips, 59, has the qualities of great Ealing comedy actresses.

Mrs Phillips, a cleaner for 26 years at Cwm Garw Primary in Pontycymer, Mid Glamorgan, will play a Welsh woman named Ethel in *Into the Wood*. The film involves the heroine meeting stars and becoming so enchanted that she decides to stay. Yesterday the producer was in America trying to negotiate cameos from Tony Curtis and Sir Anthony Hopkins.



Wendy Phillips and a poster for her previous film

Like Ethel, Mrs Phillips is going to America for the first time. She will stay in Malibu for eight days with her husband, David, 65, a retired miner, but has no thoughts of giving up her £40-a-week job. She said: "I'm not going to let all this go to my head. One person asked to keep my overalls when I'm famous."

She was discovered through a mutual friend by Sara Sugarman, director of *Into the Wood*, and acted in a Channel 4 play *The Village* and in Sugarman's last film *Up the Valley*, an award-winner at the Welsh International Film Festival. She will be paid a £15 daily allowance and a share of profits. Ms Sugarman said: "Wendy is a natural. She has qualities of actresses like Margaret Rutherford and Irene Handl."

MP blows Pig and Whistle on 'phoney' pub names

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A CAMPAIGN has been launched by a Tory MP to prevent the Dog and Duck and the Pig and Whistle from becoming endangered species.

Nicholas Winterton has joined forces with the Campaign for Real Ale to try to protect traditional pub names. He tabled a Commons motion yesterday urging the Government to ensure that the names of long-established public houses cannot be changed without planning permission.

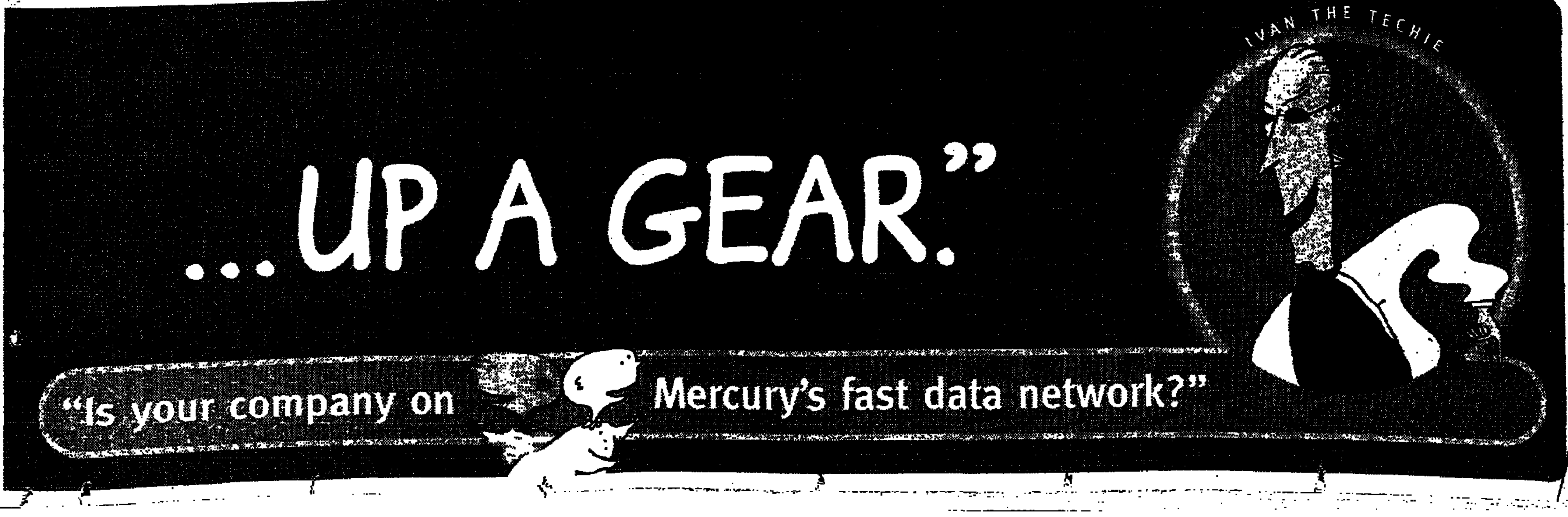
The call to arms went up when Mr Winterton discovered that the 200-year-old Bull's Head, in the centre of his Macclesfield constituency in Cheshire, is to be renamed the Pig and Truffle. The MP, who has hosted receptions for the Campaign for Real Ale on the Commons terrace, said last night: "This is outrageous. This pub is a point of identity which has been known by its existing name for hundreds of years."

Mr Winterton, who is backed by his local borough council, is seeking to stop breweries giving their pubs contrived names such as the Slug and Salad, the Goose and Granite, Scruffy Murphy's and the Hare and Billet.

The names he believes are under threat include the Bag o' Nails (corruption of Bacchanals), the Goat and Compasses (God Encompasses Us), the Pig and Whistle (a corruption of wassail), the Ship and Shovel (Sir Cloudsley Shovel, an admiral in Queen Anne's reign), and The Salutation (a reference to the Angel Gabriel saluting the Virgin Mary).

Mr Winterton said: "In many cases, the names of pubs represent historical events and political persuasions in years gone by. All this could disappear unless we act now."

Stephen Cox, campaigns manager for the Campaign for Real Ale, said: "It's not only the names which are changing for the worse. It is the character of the pubs. We support anything which will preserve the identity of the traditional British pub."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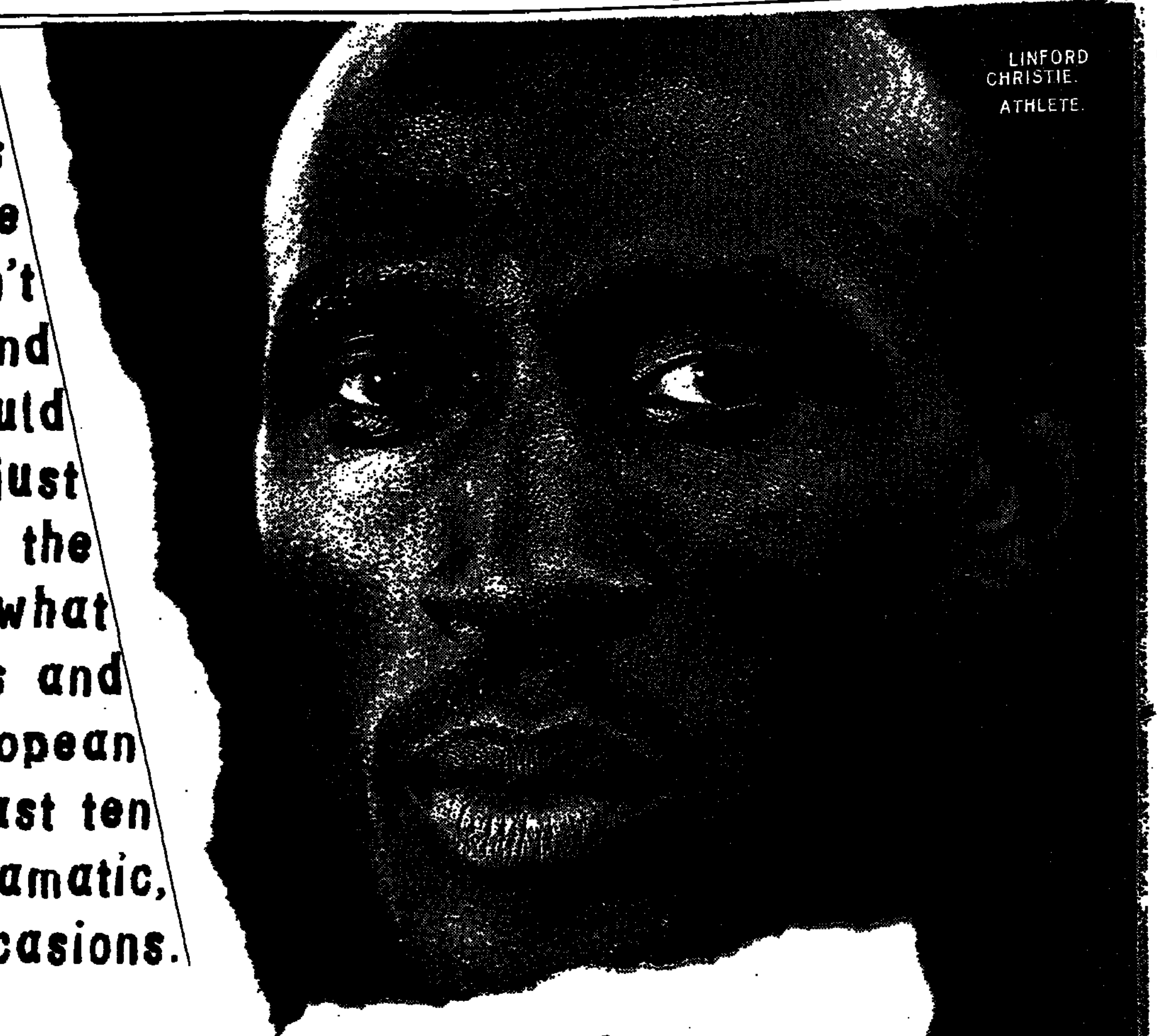
Linford Christie is possibly the best athlete Britain has ever produced. There are people in Britain who don't care what colour he is, and there are those who would discriminate against him just because he is black. For the people who don't care what colour he is, the Olympics and both the World and the European Championships over the past ten years or so have been dramatic, memorable, and exciting occasions.



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We want the Roots Of The Future initiative to concentrate attention on the most positive aspects of a multi-racial society.

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A travelling exhibition will reach the hundreds of thousands of people who visit arts and museum venues around the country. At the same time a colourful and informative book also called Roots Of The Future will be launched.

Amongst other things, the book charts the history of people who came to Britain from all over the world. How they survived, contributed, and how they continue to contribute, to our economic, cultural and social development and growth.

For details of how to get hold of a copy of the book Roots Of The Future please call 0181 986-4854, or for any other aspect of the initiative call the CRE on 0171 932-5207.

COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Diana effect was worth millions

Charities count cost of losing their Queen of Hearts

By Emma Wilkins and Kathryn Knight

FROM Help the Aged to the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association, the charitable world was in turmoil yesterday after the Princess of Wales's decision to renounce her patronage of 93 causes.

Officials at the Royal School for the Blind were particularly upset. They are launching a £2.25 million appeal next month, and must now rethink their strategy. The question of a replacement patron, possibly Prince Edward, will top the agenda at a trustees meeting tomorrow.

David Ireland, a spokesman, said he was puzzled by the Princess's withdrawal from so many charities, as it appeared to conflict with her publicly-stated desire to be a "Queen of Hearts".

The charity, based at Leatherhead, Surrey, recently changed its name to Seeability, and was among the first to secure the Princess's patronage in February 1982. The new appeal is to raise money to build the first home in Britain for Juvenile Batten's Disease, a genetically-inherited condition which leads to blindness and paralysis.

"We are bitterly disappointed," Mr Ireland said. "It's very unfortunate timimg. We need a well-known name. It is a very sad day for us and the other charities.

"She does such a lot of good work through her magnetic quality. It has certainly been to our benefit. Most of her work with us was in the background, but she made two visits to our offices and always kept in touch. Just having her there as a figurehead was a comfort factor for us."

At the offices of Turning Point, the drugs and alcohol dependency charity which the Princess joined as patron a decade ago, Ron Alexander said: "It's a big blow for us. She used to visit us once a month, and she gave private dinners to help raise our profile. It's been magic and we are very disappointed.

Yeo: understood need to make fresh start

"We have got to rethink the whole business of who will be patron, but I think it will be another royal. She is certainly a megastar. The others are in a bit of a different league."

The Princess's support for Help the Aged over ten years helped to quadruple its income, according to John Mayo, its director-general. He was saddened by the decision but grateful for her past support.

At the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, its chief executive Diane Yeo said: "I was surprised because the Princess had given me a private indication that she wanted to stay with her cancer charities. I can understand her reasons because when you get divorced, you want to make as fresh a start as possible. I just hope we can find another member of the Royal Family who wants to join us."

Mrs Yeo, whose husband Tim is a Conservative MP, added: "Her role with us was very quiet and behind-the-scenes. She didn't get actively involved in any of our high-profile galas."

At Headway, the head injuries charity where the Princess chose to announce her withdrawal from public life at their Christmas luncheon in 1993, the chairman Nigel Cutts said her presence at the event had brought a £37,000 net profit.

The following year, the Princess withdrew from the luncheon: "Our major sponsor then also withdrew and our net profit was only £5,000. You can see how direct an impact she has."

At the Benesh Institute of Choreology, which provides a system of dance notation for major ballet companies, officials said the Princess's presence at an event always doubled or tripled the revenue.

Dominic Jenkins, chief executive of the Ty Hafan hospice, has written to the Princess urging her to reconsider. During her year-long patronage, the Princess helped to raise £100,000 by persuading Luciano Pavarotti to give a fund-raising concert in Cardiff.

"The support of the Princess as an individual has been vital. I am absolutely certain the people of Wales would wish her to carry on. It is the Princess as a person, not the HRH title, that we want," Mr Jenkins said.

The British Red Cross said it had raised more than £95 million last year when the Princess was patron of its 125th Birthday Appeal. Relate, where the Princess has been patron since 1989, paid tribute to her work.

At Barnardo's, the senior director, Roger Singleton, said: "The Princess is closely associated with children and has often commanded mass attention when she speaks out on issues which affect them."

The English Women's Indoor Bowling Association was more sanguine. Margaret Ruff, secretary, said she was saddened, but the Princess's involvement had been limited: "I don't think it was really her sport."

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ORGANISATIONS THAT WILL LOSE PATRONAGE

The Albany, London (president).

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon (honorary member).

American Friends of Covent Garden, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Anglo-European College of Chiropractice, Bournemouth.

Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London.

Association for Spinal Injury Research Rehabilitation and Reintegration (ASPIRE), Stanmore, northwest London.

Australian Council on Smoking and Health.

Australian Junior Red Cross.

Douglas Bader Foundation.

Barnardo's (president).

Barnardo's Australia (royal president).

Barnardo's, New Zealand (international president).

Benesh Institute of Choreology, west London.

BOC Covent Garden Festival.

British Deaf Association.

British Lung Foundation.

British Red Cross Society (vice-president and also patron of Red Cross Youth).

British Sports Association for the Disabled.

British Youth Opera, South Bank Polytechnic, southwest London.

Canadian Red Cross Youth Services.

Chester Summer Music Festival (joint patron).

Chickenshed Theatre Company, Enfield, north London.

Child Accident Prevention Trust.

Children's Hospital Foundation Appeal, Australia (joint patron).

Chipangali Wildlife Trust, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (royal hon fellow).

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (royal patron and hon fellow).

Commonwealth Society for the Deaf.

Covent Garden Festival, London.

Disablement Independence Association (president).

Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association.

English Women's Indoor Bowling Association.

Eureka! The Children's Museum (joint patron with the Prince of Wales), Halifax.

Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (hon fellow).

First International Covent Garden Festival (1990).

Foundation for Conductive Education, Edgbaston.

Friends of Freshfield Association, Truro.

Friends of the Imperial War Museum, London (hon family member).

Garden Festival Wales (joint patron).

General Council and Registry of Osteopeths (president).

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club.

Guild of St Sebastian, Bruges (royal hon member).

Guinness Trust, High Wycombe.

Headway National Head Injuries Association, Nottingham.

Help the Aged.

Highland Yacht Club (hon member).

Home-Start, Leicester.

Honorable Society of The Middle Temple (Royal Master of the Bench).

Huntingdon's Disease Association.

Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, central London.

International Spinal Research Trust, Enfield, north London.

Leukaemia Research Appeal for Wales.

David Lloyd Slazenger Racquet Club (hon life member), Finchley.

London Symphony Chorus.

London Symphony Orchestra.

National Council for Child Health (Child 2000).

National Children's Orchestra, Ashstead, Surrey.

National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Development Association, The National Hospital, London.

National Rubella Council.

National Meningitis Trust (president).

Natural History Museum, London.

New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Wellington.

New Zealand Foundation for the Blind, Auckland.

Newport International Competition for Young Pianists (joint patron).

Ninth Congress of the European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Northern Ireland Pre-School Playgroups Association, Belfast.

Parkinson's Disease Society.

Pied Piper Appeal, Gloucester.

Pre-School Playgroups Association.

Princess of Wales Children's Health Camp, Rotorua, New Zealand.

Printers Charitable Corporation (vice-president).

Relate.

Royal Academy of Music, London.

Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, Surrey.

St Mary's Save the Baby Fund, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington.

St Matthew Society, Norwich.

Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children in Australia.

Scottish Pre-School Playgroups Association.

Surgeons of Glasgow.

Swansea Festival of Music and Arts.

Trust for Sick Children in Wales, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

Turning Point, east London.

Tushinskaya Children's Hospital Trust, Moscow.

Variety Club of New Zealand.

Wales Craft Council (president).

Wales Pre-School Playgroups Association.

Wellbeing, Regent's Park, London.

Welsh Bowling Association.

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WPC given 'duff dog' claims sex discrimination

WPC Elizabeth Fletcher with Beau, which she said was no threat to criminals

By Stephen Farrell

A FORMER policewoman yesterday claimed that she was deliberately given an incompetent police dog to ruin her career.

Elizabeth Fletcher, 43, accused Nottinghamshire police dog trainers of using the ploy to stop her joining the force's dog section.

She was twice knocked over by her German shepherd dog Beau, suffering injuries to her knees which forced her to retire through ill health. Mrs Fletcher is claiming compensation for sexual discrimination against the force and her trainer, PC David Brown.

The Nottingham tribunal was told that Beau became easily distracted while tracking suspects, did not bite hard enough to hold them and needed to be "twanged" on the muzzle with an elastic band to produce an aggressive response. "He was so hopeless that even criminals would have realised he was no threat," Mrs Fletcher said.

She claimed that officers, including PC Brown, saw her as less effective than male colleagues. She was the second woman to join the section and was at the time the only female among 32 handlers.

The first accident with Beau came a month into training when he pulled her over in a simulated chase. Inspector Peter Joyce, a retired instructor, told the hearing: "It would appear that Beau anticipated the exercise and upon seeing the suspect became excited, lunged forward and pulled her on to the concrete kerb. For some reason she had held on to the lead."

He said that Beau had no more problems than other dogs and that the allegations were without foundation. "The job is difficult enough without the suggestion that anyone would allow any dog below the required standard to participate."

The second accident happened at a primary school display in June 1994, six months after the pair had passed the course and begun operational duties.

Jeremy Lewis, for Nottinghamshire police, claimed that PC Brown had gone out of his way to encourage and to praise Mrs Fletcher for her determination. He found it "not only pretty difficult but also pretty far-fetched" that PC Brown had deliberately given her a "duff dog".

PC Brown has since been removed from the dog section after another policewoman complained of discrimination, the tribunal was told. His lawyer, John Horan, said he was the innocent victim of malicious rumours.

Beau has been transferred to military duties and sent to the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Defence Animal Centre for training in bomb detection, drug-sniffing or tracking.

The hearing continues.

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Exam boards urged to reinstate British history for GCSE

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A PERSONAL appeal to save the study of British political history at GCSE was made to the examination boards by Nick Tate, the Government's curriculum chief, yesterday.

From September, key events such as the English Civil War and Henry VIII's reign are being dropped from GCSE syllabuses in favour of courses focusing on world history. They include topics such as the rise of America and Russia as superpowers, China in revolution and the demise of apartheid in South Africa.

Dr Tate, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, is alarmed that the examination boards' decision means a generation of pupils will no longer follow GCSE courses that concentrate on British political history before 1900.

The most popular board for history GCSE, the Midlands Examining Group (MEG), is scrapping all five of its British history papers, which allowed pupils to specialise on the medieval and Victorian periods, and the Tudors and Stuarts.

Mr Tate's concern is that the replacement courses call for little knowledge of the politics and personalities that make up Britain's heritage. The emphasis is being switched to global affairs and social and economic history.

The Southern Examining Group (SEG) is phasing out its two courses in Aspects of English History, 1509-1689 and 1815-1979, in favour of modern world history. It is retaining its popular syllabus in Aspects of British Social and Economic History.

The boards said yesterday there was not enough interest in British political courses to make them viable. Only 97 candidates took MEG's Tudors and Stuarts paper this year compared with 52,000 for world history; and 270 took SEG's 1509-1689 syllabus.

Dr Tate said he wanted the boards to reconsider and continue to offer the courses as a public service. He said there was a precedent set by the boards when they agreed not to scrap GCSEs in Modern Hebrew and Polish after a similar appeal.

He was supported by Norman Stone, Professor of Modern History at Oxford University, who called the disappearance of British history courses "preposterous".

Kathleen Tattersall, director of the Joint Forum for the GCSE Boards, said: "The boards take their responsibility for providing an educational service seriously, but at the end of the day there is a very real issue as to whether we can continue to offer a syllabus if there are no candidates.

"You cannot separate the financial issues from the educational aspect. If people are not putting candidates forward, then we are not offering a public service anyway."

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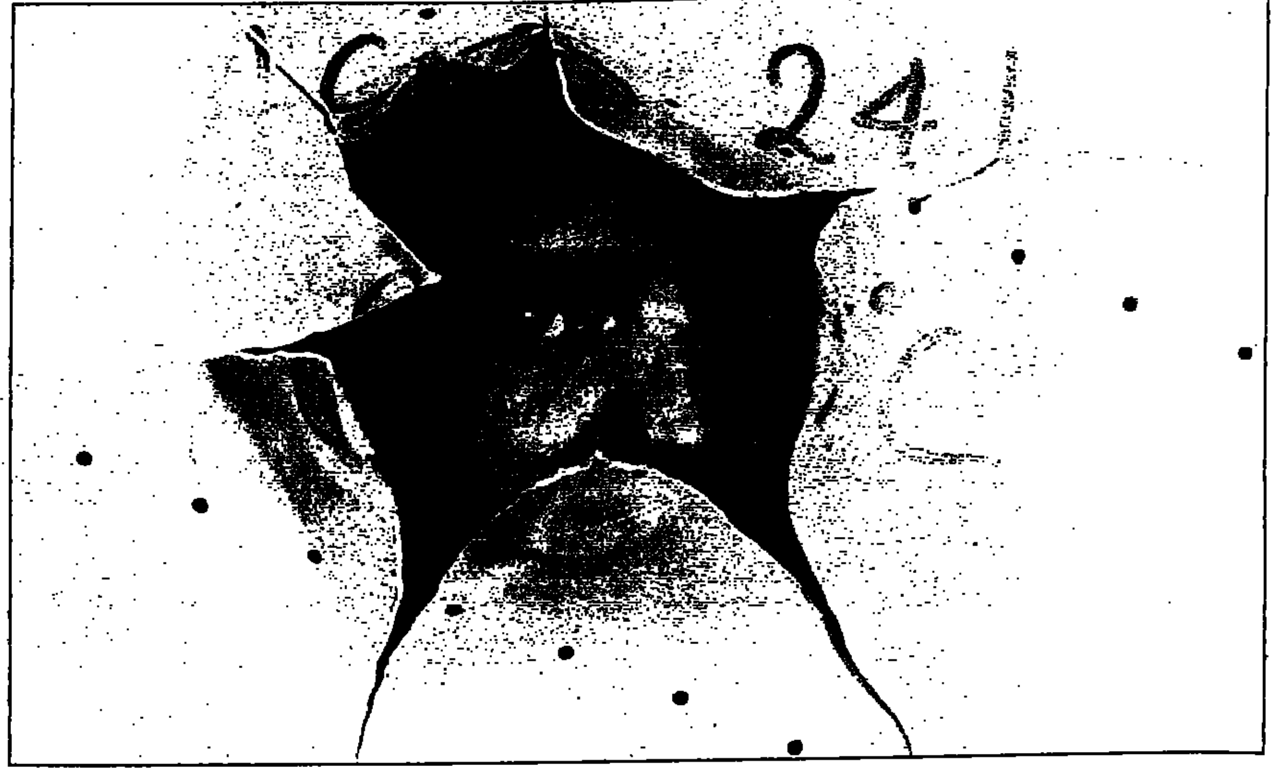
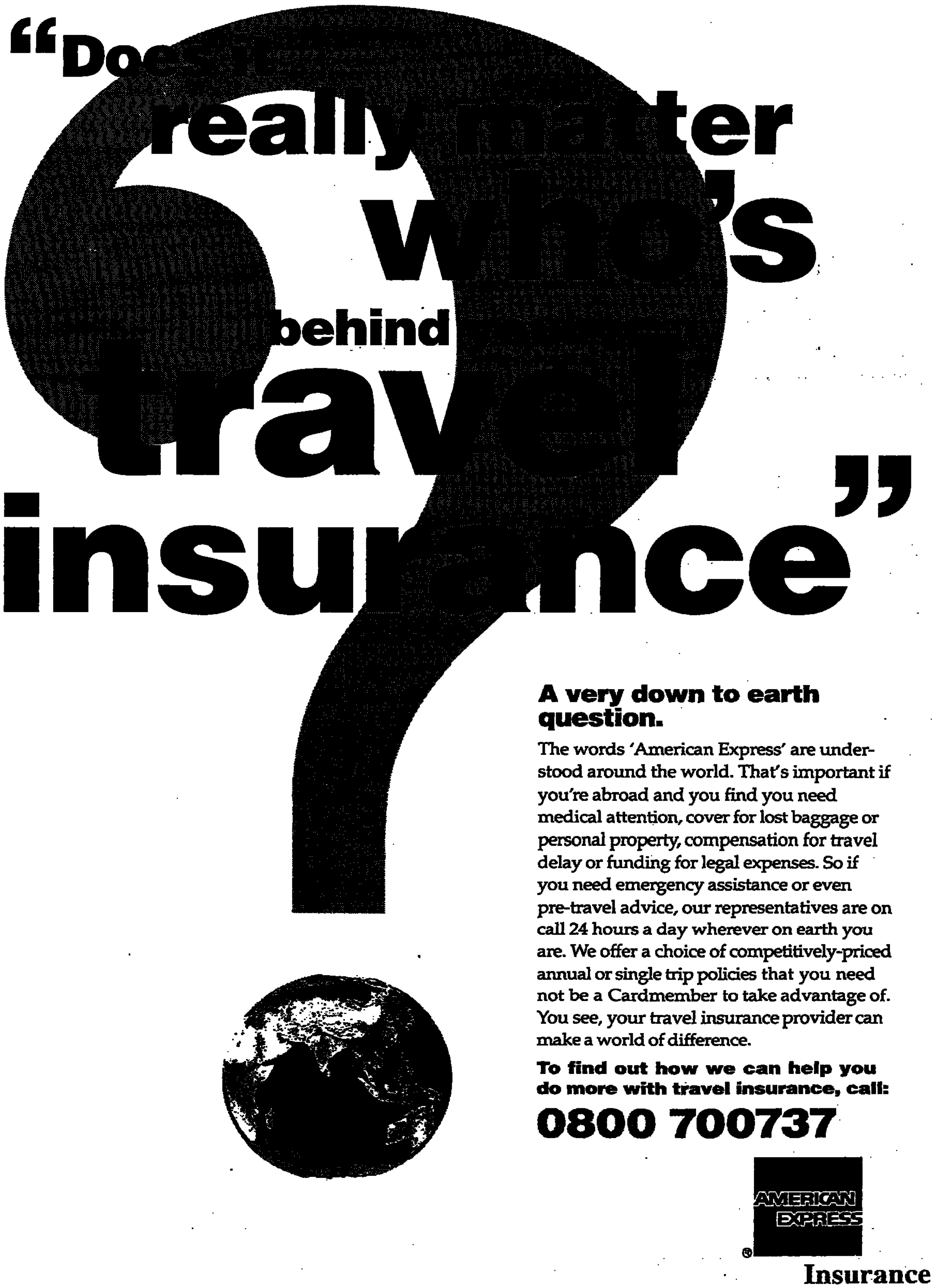


A scientist takes a close-up view of the kind of bomb damage he hopes to prevent in the fight against air terrorism. Chris Peel said yesterday that a lining of armour would strongly increase the chances of passenger jets surviving a Lockerbie-style explosion (Richard Duce writes).

Jet body armour cuts bomb blasts

The Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Farnborough has spent four years and £5 million developing a protective sleeve for cargo holds, made of a material similar to Kevlar body armour used by the military and police. Explosives of different weights were set off inside the simulated holds of jumbo jets, which curently have only a 50 per cent chance of surviving such a blast. Professor Peel, a chief scientist on the project, said: "Where we used the hardened lining, there was effectively no damage. I believe we have pushed the chance of survival up to 75 or 80 per cent."

The lining, costing a few thousand pounds per aircraft, would add three tonnes in weight, requiring extra fuel at a cost of £750,000 over the 20-year life of a 747. Researchers want legislation to require the fitting of hardened material. The 1988 Lockerbie blast killed 270.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BBC chief's £35,000 rise draws union 'fat cat' jibe

By Stephen Farrell

BROADCASTING unions have attacked the 13.2 per cent pay rise awarded to John Birt, the BBC's Director-General, which brings his salary to £299,495. The unions said yesterday that their members had been awarded a 2.6 per cent rise by the BBC, which had cut 850 jobs.

Mr Birt's £35,000 increase included a performance-related bonus of £24,000. The BBC also contributed £30,000 to his pension. Mr Birt is believed to be negotiating a further increase after his contract was extended for four years.

Gerry Morrissey, the chief negotiator of the Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph and Theatre Union, said: "Birt seems to be getting like one of these industry fat cats who earn their pay rises by ensuring others have no jobs or see their pay cut."

Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's new chairman, claimed that the rise was in line with comparable broadcasting organisations and state bodies.

☐ ITV has announced that it is to invest £100 million to make at least 50 British feature films over ten years.

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Parents say son, 2, will die without donor heart

By A Staff Reporter

THE parents of a two-year-old boy waiting for a heart transplant appealed for a donor yesterday after doctors said that he will die by the end of the week unless one can be found.

Ashley Taylor's heart failed last week after he survived three operations to remedy a congenital defect. His parents, Wayne and Kay, yesterday begged any parent whose child has just died to come forward. Kay, 27, of Telford, Shropshire, said: "Please can they think about giving another baby the gift of life? Ashley has spent most of his life in hospital . . . he could go any time and we do not know whether these are his last hours or not."

Ashley has already surprised doctors at the Children's Hospital (Birmingham) by surviving until now. He suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which results in loss of the blood supply because the only channel left open from the heart begins to close.

Mr Taylor, also 27, said: "He keeps telling us that it hurts him and looks at me as if to say that he wants me to make it all better and I know I can't."

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Church of England approves prayers to non-sexist God

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Church of England is to remove references to God as male in its prayer book and to replace the words "fellow men" with "neighbour".

The changes were condemned by traditionalists as a move towards political correctness. Liturgists defended them, saying that in at least one case they took the Church closer to the original Latin meanings.

The General Synod, meeting in York, approved changes to the service for Holy Communion, introducing "neighbour" in the confession and changing "peace to His people on earth" to "peace to God's people on earth" in the *Gloria*.

In the eucharistic prayer, the response "It is right to give Him thanks and praise" is being changed to "It is right to give our thanks and praise". In the Creed, "men" is being deleted from "For us men and for our salvation".

The Right Rev Noel Debroy Jones, Bishop of Sodor and Man, said: "I do not want to get into any debate on gender, but I do believe here we are tending to be too politically correct in changing these texts." He said the call to confession, where a reference to men at the end is being deleted, was being emasculated. But he reserved particular criticism for the change to the *Gloria*. Words were being changed unnecessarily "just to make a point".

Bishop Jones: said the changes were not needed

Professor Arthur Pollard, former professor of English at Hull University, also criticised "inclusive language, which I deplore".

The Church's 1980 *Alternative Service Book* is being revised for 2000. Although there is a conscious attempt to use "inclusive language" in places, the revision shows a more conservative bent than expected.

Liturgists are determined not to make the mistakes of the past, when the loss of the traditional language of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* was widely mourned.

In concessions to traditionalists, the revised prayer book will include for the first time the version of the Communion service that uses the language of Thomas Cranmer. The synod has rejected calls from more extreme exponents of inclusive language to change the Creed's reference to the Incarnation from "and was made man" to "and became truly human".

The Rev John Broadhurst, a vicar in north London and a member of the committee that helped to produce the *Alternative Service Book* 16 years ago, said: "I think many of us thought we were new Cranmers. I am glad to see in this one we are getting rid of some of the nonsense we created. But I do think there are problems.

"Eucharistic worship is Trinitarian," he said in his valedictory speech after 24 years on the synod. "I am amazed that the classic greeting used by many of us — 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' — is not used."

Canon Bernice Broggio, from Southwark, one of the synod's leading feminists, said the inclusive language should have gone further to include references to Christ. "Doctrinally, linguistically and theologically, what we are meaning is that Christ was made human," she said.

Shirley Ann Williams, from Exeter, said the changes did not go far enough. She said the references to "men" that remain in the more traditional Rite B Communion service should be changed to "people".

She rejected the argument that "men" was an alternative term for "people". She said: "I do not like to be called a man. It denies my femininity, which I value. It also contradicts my knowledge of biology."

Canon Michael Perham, vice-dean of Norwich, who was proposing the changes, defended some of them as better translations of the original Latin texts. He conceded that "they embrace some of the concerns about gender inclusive language" and admitted that the liturgists had "run into some trouble" over this. "For, within our own culture and our own Church, there is no consensus on this issue."

The changes will bring the eucharistic worship in the Church of England closer to the liturgies in the worldwide Anglican Church, as well as in the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches worldwide.

Liturgists in all the mainstream churches are working towards liturgies that are closer to the original biblical texts, and one result will be increasing similarities in services in different denominations, thus bringing them closer together. Anglicans yesterday welcomed this as a means of enabling members of other denominations to feel at home, no matter where they might be worshipping.

JUSTIN SLEE

Two clergy taking a sunshine break from the synod. Their prayer book is being revised for the year 2000

Extra jab for young to prevent measles

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

EVERY pre-school child is to be offered a second vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella to eliminate the risk of epidemics, the Government announced yesterday.

From October, all children given pre-school boosters against diphtheria, tetanus and polio will also have a booster of the so-called MMR vaccine, in addition to the first dose which is offered to infants between 12-15 months.

Government scientists say the extra dose is necessary to keep the pool of children susceptible to measles at a minimum, following the success of the 1994 MMR campaign which almost eradicated the disease.

Between 92 and 93 per cent of children have their first dose of MMR by their second birthday, but the vaccine is not effective in all cases. About 10 per cent do not get protection from it, in addition to the 8 per cent who do not take up the offer of vaccination.

Scientists say that this means an accumulation of 100,000 unprotected children each year.

The total cost of the strategy, recommended by the advisory Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which advises the Government, is estimated at £18 million in the first year, falling to £6 million in subsequent years.

600 attend funeral of Amschel Rothschild

By Lin Jenkins

THE family and friends of Amschel Rothschild, the financier who was found hanged in a Paris hotel last week, gathered for his funeral yesterday.

About 600 mourners attended the service at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery in Willesden, north London, where he was buried in a private plot. They included William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage; Alan Yentob, the BBC director of programmes; Bill Wyman, the former Rolling Stone; and Anna Ford, the newsreader.

The family mourners were led by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of N M Rothschild, and Lord Rothschild, Amschel's half-brother Jacob.

Rabbi Julia Neuberger, a family friend, conducted the private service. Speaking of Mr Rothschild, who was chairman of Rothschild Asset Management, she said: "His friendship is irreplaceable and it is devastating for his family."

As she directed her gaze at his widow Anita, 38, and children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12, and James, 11, she said: "You were the focus of his life." She said he was known for his "elegance, charm and delight in often very silly jokes." She added: "He was a respected City banker, he was a man of loyalty, a country-life lover and a generous host. He was also a devoted friend. The sense of loss will never heal."

The service was conducted in English and Hebrew and relayed through speakers to an overflow outside. Mourners then followed the oak coffin to the grave, where they recited the Jewish prayer for the dead.

Mr Rothschild, 41, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Bristol while on business in Paris. French investigators concluded that he had committed suicide.

Appeal over police cell death fails

A restaurant owner who claimed police framed him over a man's death has lost his appeal. Malcolm Kennedy, 48, had been arrested for drunkenness and held in a cell with Patrick Quinn, 56, in Hammersmith, west London. Quinn was found kicked to death.

In 1991, Kennedy, of Stoke Newington, north London, was jailed for life, but the Court of Appeal ordered a retrial, which convicted him of manslaughter with a nine-year sentence. That was upheld at the Court of Appeal.

Postal strike plea

The Royal Mail is advising customers not to post letters today or tomorrow to prevent a backlog of mail caused by tomorrow's planned walkout by postal workers. No talks are scheduled between the two sides and three further strikes are planned.

VC auctioned

A Victoria Cross awarded to General Sir Charles Gough in recognition of four acts of bravery during the Indian Mutiny sold for £41,400 at Spink's in London to an anonymous bidder. The family is unique in that three Goughs were awarded VCs.

Dickens portrait

The earliest-known portrait of Charles Dickens, handed over as security for a £10 loan 50 years ago and never reclaimed, was sold to a Mayfair antiques dealer for £14,375 at Phillips in London. Dickens posed for the watercolour when he was 15.

Briefs in news

Dolores O'Riordan, singer with the Cranberries pop group, accepted undisclosed damages in the High Court over a claim in the *Daily Star* that she went on stage without her briefs. In April the *Daily Sport* had to apologise over a similar allegation.

Actor sues over firing of film blunderbuss

By A Staff Reporter

A 72-YEAR-OLD actor who claims that his hearing was damaged after an ancient blunderbuss was fired on a film set is suing for £100,000 damages. Graham Stark, who says that the accident cost him several offers of work, is taking action against Robin Crichton, a film director, and Edinburgh Film and Video Productions.

At the Court of Session, Edinburgh — Scotland's supreme civil court — Judge John Wheatley, QC, ruled that a hearing of evidence should take place at a date to be fixed.

Mr Stark, of Ninemileburn, by Penicuik, Lothian, and London, who appeared in with Peter Sellers, says that he was filming *Moonacre* in Slovenia when an old-fashioned blunderbuss was unexpectedly discharged in an enclosed courtyard. He was standing near by and immediately felt pain and a "pinging" in his left ear, and needed hospital treatment.

Mr Stark also claims that he lost television and commercial work, a role in a West End production and the lead part in a film, *Red Herring, Red Moon*, with a fee of £25,000.

Mr Crichton denies liability, claiming that the blunderbuss was test-fired some distance away from the set and that the actor's hearing

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Shrinking role could put financing of higher education and contributory benefits in private hands

Mandarins outline plans for a united states of Britain

Reports by Philip Webster
Political Editor

PREPARATIONS for a radical retrenchment in the role of the state, on the lines put forward by the American Republicans, have been drawn up by Treasury officials as the Government's most powerful department readies itself for the next millennium.

In a report to Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury Permanent Secretary, his senior officials look at ways to manage public spending if there are no radical changes in the responsibilities of the state, and at what a reduced state might imply for the Treasury.

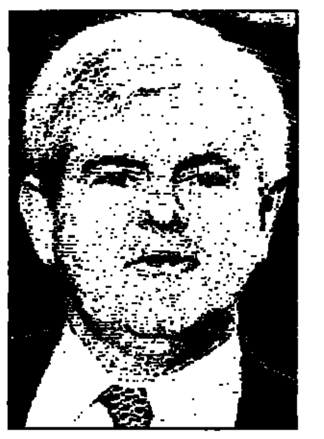
The document does not "explicitly consider" how a different administration would deal with the tasks, but it does consider alternative policy options. Several, notably those on the decentralisation of powers from Whitehall, would find more favour with Labour.

A section of the document, called *Strategic Considerations for the Treasury*, which has been obtained by *The Times*, looks at how the Republican proposals could be implemented in the United Kingdom, although the Treasury team admits that the US plan "has not progressed as they hoped and in the more liberal culture would probably meet even greater resistance".

The officials entitled the section "Contract with Britain: a smaller state" in an allusion to the "Contract with America" vision advanced by Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The paper says that the Republican aim of a balanced budget is "quite feasible" in Britain. "Borrowing is on a downward trend now and a slightly tougher public-spending stance could certainly deliver balance in 2000-2005."

The US proposals focus on personal tax cuts through higher allowances, the opposite of the UK trend. The rationale for the American policy is to encourage thrift and produce lower demand for state provision in the long run. "The options are practical but could be costly in revenue terms."



Gingrich: his vision for US provided blueprint

The paper refers to the Republican plans to cut entitlements to teenage mothers and to put strict time limits on benefits, but goes further with suggestions including privatising contributory benefits and cuts in spending on further and higher education. The former could be replaced by voluntary or compulsory private insurance.

The approach is gaining support, it says. A model already exists for one of the contributory benefits (Serps) and in Germany people can contract out of sickness benefits. Chile has compulsory private insurance for all pension provision.

The document warns of serious obstacles; getting the private sector to provide services hitherto financed through public expenditure entails time. Privatisation would require regulation on monopoly grounds as well as to promote competition. Dealing with accrued rights could mean that implementation would take 50 years and providing protection for the poorest would raise demands for means-tested benefits.

The Treasury suggests that the Government should set priorities for spending in advance of the annual public expenditure round, to help to prevent fighting between departments.

The document says the Government is considering cutting state support for further and higher education on the grounds that rising demand is "unaffordable and private returns to individuals and their employers exceed social returns". Funding of sixth-forms and universities could be by financing individuals with vouchers, grants, loans and employer contributions.

The Treasury team looks at decentralising powers to local authorities, in line with the Republican call to decentralise to the American states, but it says that councils' powers could be reduced in the areas of education and roads.

It suggests that primary and secondary education could be delivered by central government, perhaps through compulsory opting out, abolition of LEAs and a central agency to administer student grants. "This would virtually halve the size of local government by removing its single biggest function."

The report discloses that a further proposal already under consideration is treating roads as a utility rather than a public service. Ownership would be transferred to regulated private companies which would receive their income from road-users.

Other measures suggested include giving local authorities responsibility for the business rate and functions currently run by regional offices of central departments, such as environment, transport and trade and industry.

More radically, the report raises the prospect of giving local authorities more powers over the provision of health and social security services, such as full responsibility for provisions for disabled people.

Of more attraction to a Labour government would be the suggestions of increasing the powers of councils to raise more finance through local taxes, on the German model.

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Odds against joining single currency before millennium

THERE is a less than 50 per cent chance of the United Kingdom joining a single European currency in 1999 under a Labour or Conservative government, the senior Treasury officials conclude.

They say that early entry would be the best option for the City, but describe this as an improbable eventuality. "City interests are unlikely to drive this policy," the Treasury document says in a reference to divisions in the two main parties over joining a single currency.

The document says that the advent of the single currency and the uncertainties about whether, when and how this would be implemented, are "the single biggest challenge" facing the Treasury today. Irrespective of whether the UK eventually joins a currency, the biggest change foreseen in Treasury work is a big rise in the number of policies formulated at European level.

The Treasury believes that the case for an independent Bank of England will be strengthened if the UK does not go into a single currency because it will be seen as a way of giving credibility to a more rigorous anti-inflation policy. This is the "main alternative scenario" to membership of the single currency.

One possible formula is the New Zealand system, under which the Treasury would set policy objectives and the Bank would be contracted to deliver, but the Bank would have the freedom to determine interest rates in order to meet the objectives set for it.

The document says there are three ways forward on tax and spending policies if the UK joins a single currency: national independence and flexibility; the German-backed rules approach under which countries will face penalties if they fail to keep their public-sector deficits below 3 per cent of gross domestic product; or fiscal union.

The officials say that the case for fiscal union becomes stronger under monetary union, although this is not regarded as a probable development within ten years. Much depends on which countries take part.

The Treasury appears to be pessimistic about the present Government's prospects at the inter-governmental conference (IGC) on the future of Europe. Setting out a possible outcome "which assumes the UK does not achieve its negotiating objectives", it says that the EU's competence may be extended to tourism, civil protection and energy policy. In spite of the Government's refusal in its recent White Paper to countenance any further weakening of the veto, the document says that qualified majority voting may be extended to transport, state aid, culture, industrial policy, research and development and financial regulation.

It also says the European Parliament may soon win powers to share decisions on issues such as environment, transport and health and safety. "If there is a significant extension fo co-decision-making it will be worth investing in our relations with the European Parliament. This will largely be a task for ministers and it would be much easier were the national administration the same party as the majority of UK MEPs."

EU emphasis may weaken world trade role

BRITAIN will slip into the second division of world economies in the next 20 years with its influence in international organisations declining as a result, Treasury officials have predicted.

The pessimistic forecast, contained in the strategic document on policies for the millennium, suggests that on present growth trends China would be the largest economic nation in 2015.

The document appears to suggest for the first time that increasing trade links with Europe may damage the chances of securing more lucrative markets in the Far East and South America. In a passage that will have embarrassed the pro-European Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, it asks if economic interests were best served in the long run "by hitching our wagon to all the EU".

One way of countering the decline, the Treasury officials suggest, would be a campaign to promote the English language as the "main lingua franca of the next century".

The document predicts that France, Britain and Italy would lose their places in the top seven of the league of world output, being overtaken by India in fourth place, Brazil in sixth and Indonesia in seventh. The United States, Japan, Germany and China would remain in the top seven, with China replacing the US at the top. Mexico and South Korea will be close behind Britain.

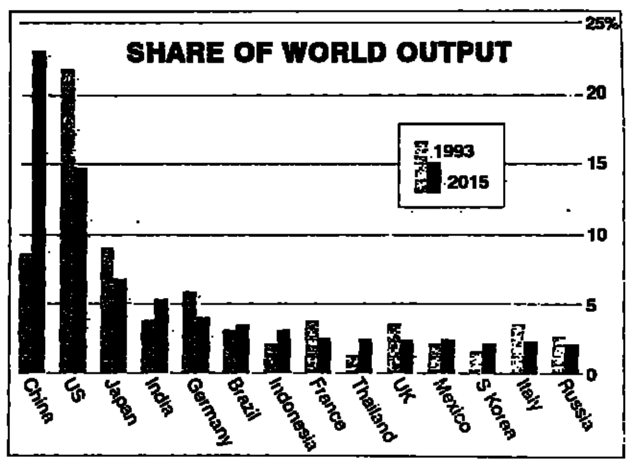
The change is seen as the inevitable result of a large number of new economies rapidly catching up with relatively slow-growing mature economies. "Emerging economies can copy existing methods at relatively low cost compared with expensive development of new technologies. Better communications and capital mobility than in the past allow a more rapid diffusion of technology. And the developing world benefits from a large pool of cheap labour," the document says. It suggests that because of the geographic breakdown of British exports, market share would be lost as main markets grew more slowly than world trade. Eighty per cent of British exports, it says, were to those industrial countries expected to grow relatively slowly. Developing economies would produce a positive knock-on effect for the developed world, however, through increased competition, cheaper international production because of economies of scale and greater financial diversification.

The document says that great economic power for the emerging nations was likely to be followed by demands for greater political powers. Britain's role in the Group of Seven, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the World Trade Organisation "will change as we move down the ranking".

It adds: "The structure of the institutions themselves will need to change, too, so that emerging countries can play roles on the world stage consonant with their economic strength. This underlines the need for early preparation if we are to retain influence in the future."

The document proposes changes at the Treasury to tackle the new situation created by declining influence. These include restoring a Treasury posting to Delhi, which was abolished after Britain joined the European Community, and sending staff to Paris, Berlin, Peking, Tokyo and Moscow while maintaining a presence in Brussels and Washington.

It suggests that the Treasury should immediately begin to enhance its language skills, concentrating on French, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish, and should start a programme with the Foreign Office to promote English.



Closing ranks on open government

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

THE authors of the confidential report admit, with obvious discomfort, that Parliament's demands for information are likely to increase and that the drive towards greater accountability will gather momentum.

Plaintively, they write: "We would not be able to rewrite or edit papers or fillet files as now." And, with the advent of computer technology, the Treasury would no longer be able to claim high costs as an argument for not making information publicly available. "As the costs of supplying information fall, it becomes harder to justify not doing so."

The report paints a heart-rending picture of a Treasury misunderstood and disliked, not only by the public but also by fellow Whitehall departments. Treasury ministers and officials "find it difficult to engage in a contructive dialogue" with a "very sophisticated" adversary, such as the Foreign Office.

Confirming widespread criticism about the slow pace of movement towards greater openness, the authors say the Government has been "moving cautiously to provide more information and accountability".

However, they breathe a sigh of relief as they list a string of Treasury exemptions to the Government's code of practice ensuring wider access to information. "All of these provide great protection to the Treasury at the moment."

The report claims that ministers and officials had made some progress in publishing details on economic forecasts and monthly meetings between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. But in an apparent effort to pre-empt the overzealous intrusion of MPs' into Treasury affairs, the report suggests improved contacts with chairmen of some Commons select committees.

It also lends support to Labour's proosals to publish a "Green Budget" in which taxation and spending proposals would be made available for wider consultation outside government.

Labour's plans for a freedom of information act would send shock waves through Whitehall, but the Treasury report reassures colleagues that in other countries "special exemptions are given for much economic and financial data". Listing a string of exemptions contained in Australian and New Zealand freedom of information legislation, the authors add: "We would of course want to ensure any legislation of ours included similar caveats."

There is a warning that ministers and officials might have to go beyond disclosing selected information and divulge entire documents. "So when advice was given, the possibility that it might be published at a later date would have to be taken into account."

IN PARLIAMENT

Today in the Commons, backbench debates the Co-operative movement; clergy pensions. Trade and Industry questions, debate on the economy. Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Bill, Lords amendments; backbench debate on provision for mentally ill in Blaenau Gwent. In the Lords: Education Bill, third reading; Schools Inspections Bill, third reading; Deregulation (Insurance Companies Act) Order; Housing Bill, third reading; Education (Scotland) Bill, Commons amendments.

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by the London Pensions Fund Authority to Patricia May Eaton

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a. that there was serious mismanagement of the issues arising out of the events which led Miss Eaton successfully to bring defamation proceedings in the High Court against Mr Terry Horsley in 1983;

b. that there was a failure by the ILEA to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances concerning the mismanagement of those issues either by instituting disciplinary procedures or otherwise;

c. that Miss Eaton's professional reputation, career and status have all been irretrievably damaged by that mismanagement and that failure to the extent that she was deprived of her employment and suffered severe harm to her health and future prospects;

d. that the failure to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances was a source of great sadness to her mother while alive;

e. that the failure to address Miss Eaton's grievances continued and was exacerbated by the withdrawal from her in January 1990 of a Special Enquiry that had been promised to her as a means of addressing those grievances;

f. that Miss Eaton should have been accorded sight of the report prepared by Ms. Marion Stockley in March 1990 without the need for her to have commenced proceedings in the High Court to secure sight of the same; and

g. that her distress has been exacerbated by the need to pursue court proceedings in order to secure redress and acknowledgement of the wrongs done to her.

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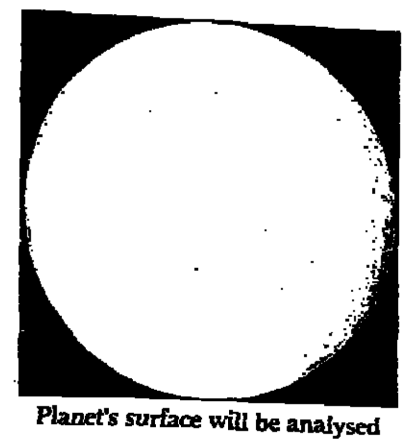
Scientists launch missions to find landing sites on Mars



Planet's surface will be analysed

By Nick Nuttall
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FOUR missions are expected to be sent to Mars as part of a long-term plan to colonise it. Two decades after the first spacecraft was sent to the red planet, three international missions are expected to return this year to map the Martian weather of dust and ice clouds, and another is planned for 1998.

The projects, led by America and Russia and including scientists from across Europe, hope to find areas of Martian surface which are stable enough to support a space base. One of the priorities is a study of the Martian south pole where, it is hoped, vast quantities of water are trapped in the form of ice or permafrost.

Dr Richard Zurek, of the Joint Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, the researcher heading the Mars Surveyor 98 Mission, said yesterday: "If you want to put people on Mars and manufacture fuels, you need to know where the water is."

Details of the missions were disclosed at the two-yearly meeting of the Committee on Space Research, an international gathering of about 2,000 scientists at Birmingham University. Dr Arden Albee of the California Institute of Technology, also in Pasadena, said the first launch was scheduled for November. It will take about eight months to arrive at the red planet which, at its closest to Earth, is 40 million kilometres away, where the craft will go into orbit over the Martian poles. The surveyors' cameras will map the surface in unprecedented detail, and other instruments will monitor weather and atmosphere.

The second launch is of a large Russian craft called Mars 96. It is employing two landers and two "penetrators" shaped like golf tees and the size of big dinner tables. The landers will be parachuted down to the surface and will monitor the weather a few metres above the ground. The penetrators will study soils and monitor seismic activity. Possibly the most ambitious mission is called Pathfinder, another American-led programme due to be launched in December. "It is an engineering experiment to look at new ways of putting landing craft on the surface," Dr Albee said. The mission will deploy tiny weather stations and a remote-controlled rover, the size of a toy, which will roam the planet surface, taking pictures with its camera.

The final mission is the Mars surveyor 1998. It will deploy another landing craft with a robot arm near the south pole. It will dig a trench through the dust and ice to discover how hard the surface is and at what depth ice can be found.

Dr Zurek said the four missions were vital in the push to put a man on Mars and, one day, possibly transform the planet into a place habitual for humans. "The most optimistic date of putting a man on Mars is 2020," he said.

☐ Scientists claim to have found evidence of ice on the moon, it was disclosed at the Committee on Space Research meeting in Birmingham. The existence of water could help turn the moon into a giant launch-pad from mankind could fly to colonise the solar system and galaxies beyond.

Researchers have suggested it is cheaper to build machines and launch craft in near-zero gravity. Water is crucial as transporting large quantities of water from Earth would be extremely expensive.

Airport expansion threatens ruin of Domesday villages

By Russell Jenkins

A GROUP of Essex villages mentioned in the Domesday Book lost their battle in the High Court yesterday to halt housing development which they fear will destroy their rural character.

The parish councils of Birchanger, Felsted, Little Dunmow and Takeley say that the planned 2,500 homes for the growing workforce of Stansted airport amount to "development vandalism".

George Bartlett, QC, the Recorder, giving his judgment in the High Court, refused their plea to quash the provision for the developments in the local council plan and to order a second planning inquiry.

Afterwards the parish councils said that their villages — in an area noted for its half-timbered cottages, duck ponds and village greens — will be lost forever. Andrew Warren, chairman of the Felsted and Little Dunmow Conservation Society, and the parish councils brought the action against Uttlesford District Council. He said: "These are Domesday Book villages. It is, effectively, doomsday for them. It effectively urbanises one of the few rural areas remaining in the South East."

The judgment opens the way for developers to build 650 homes at Felsted sugar beet works, 825 homes at Takeley, 400 at Rochford Nurseries in Stansted Mountfitchet, and 625 at Buildings Farm, Great Dunmow. The houses, to be constructed at the turn of the century, are intended for up to 14,500 workers as the airport expands to handle 15 million passengers a year.

The parishes complained that the villages had unlawfully been denied the opportunity to give evidence at the original planning inquiry in 1993 which centred on a single-site development at a disused airfield site at Easton Park, near Great Dunmow. The inquiry came down firmly in favour of dispersal over a number of sites.

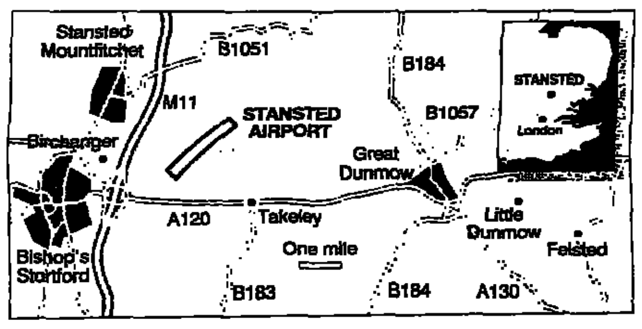
Mr Bartlett acknowledged that villagers had been "accorded less than equitable treatment" but concluded that it was "wholly improbable" that a future inquiry would come to a different decision.

Mr Warren said the judgment raised a serious question mark over the public inquiry system, which had excluded those most affected by the development. The parish councils are considering whether to appeal but cost could rule it out. The failed action has already cost them tens of thousands of pounds.

Alan Dean, leader of Uttlesford council, said he was relieved that, after six years of wrangling, the council could push on with implementing its plan.

☐ Jilly Cooper, the bestselling novelist and journalist, has joined a campaign to stop two new town developments in the Cotswolds, developments at Standish, near Stroud, and at Boddington, near Tewkesbury, form part of the provision for 53,000 new homes in Gloucestershire by 2011.

Ms Cooper, who lives near Bisley, has complained to Gloucestershire County Council that her village has already suffered from an "ill thought-out" development at nearby Eastcombe. She says the new plan could ruin the county.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Police and security men were out in force yesterday to head off possible disruption of Operation Mollusc by Newbury bypass protesters

Big security operation proceeds at snail's pace

By Michael Hornsby
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

WORKMEN protected by police and security guards yesterday launched Operation Mollusc, which will culminate in the removal of a rare species of snail from the path of the Newbury bypass.

Some 1,000 square metres of sedge, grass and wet turf is being transferred from a site near Bagnor on the River Lambourn and being taken a mile and a half south to create a new habitat for Desmoulin's whorl that will be watered by the River Kennet.

About 50 police officers, some mounted, reinforced by 70 security men hired by the Government's Highways Agency, were on hand to prevent disruption by a group of 40 protesters opposed to the bypass.

The transfer of the snails themselves is expected to begin in a few weeks. Their present site on the banks of the Lambourn will be obliterated by the supports of the bridge that will carry the bypass, due to be opened in 1998, over the river.

English Nature, the Government's conservation adviser, has given its blessing to the relocation of the snails, even though their new home will lie only 15 metres from the edge of the bypass. A special porous asphalt will reduce harmful spray from vehicles.

Simon Festing, of Friends of the Earth, which has campaigned strongly against the bypass, said: "There is little chance the snails will survive in their new habitat. Where the snails live now is a complete micro-ecology with its own climate and temperature. It cannot be recreated in this crude way."

The environmental pressure group failed recently in an 11th-hour attempt to persuade the High Court to grant an injunction suspending work on the bypass because of the threat to the snail.

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Scientists' report raises new fear for beef deal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

THE safety of British beef by-products was thrown into question again yesterday when the European Commission reported scientific doubts about the conditions under which Britain is to be allowed to resume exports after a hard-fought agreement last month.

Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, reported that "the whole issue of gelatine" was to be re-examined today by a new multi-disciplinary committee which was created to handle the BSE emergency. He was addressing the European Parliament after MEPs expressed their anger over the disclosure of an old Commission memo that reported an alleged decision to stifle news of the epidemic.

Although gelatine and tallow, the two main by-products, are not yet back on the export market, the fresh doubts about their safety are a blow to Britain because the decision to lift the ban on them was deemed a breakthrough in the campaign to end the whole embargo. Britain launched its non-cooperation campaign when EU officials initially refused to lift the ban, claiming the by-products could be infected. Germany and other European states have continued to insist on the possible risks from the by-products despite the easing of the ban, taken after a narrow majority supported the action.

Officials said a scientific committee had found evidence to suggest that gelatine could still carry the infective agent for BSE when treated at the temperatures imposed in the deal with Britain. Other methods might have to be sought to neutralise the agent, they said. "The issue is partly academic because there is no sign that the manufacturers of gelatine in Britain are close to meeting the standards we set in June," a Commission spokesman said. "But it is now possible that we will have to increase those standards before allowing exports to resume."

The latest worry over the by-products is certain to bolster Germany's refusal to ease any aspect of the beef embargo. Bonn is heading for a collision with the Commission and Britain over its continuing blanket ban.

Continuing passions over the beef affair were on display in the Strasbourg Parliament yesterday as Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, struggled to quell the indignation of MEPs over the 1990 note in which a Brussels official reported an alleged decision to play down BSE disease through "disinformation".

Mr Santer reported that his inquiry had shown that the note, which was disclosed in France last month, gave a false account of a veterinary committee meeting in October 1990. Its author, Gilbert Castille, an official who has now retired, had been reflecting a personal bias in a low-level report on the meeting, Mr Santer said. Other officials at the meeting had denied the truth of his account, he added.

Styling themselves the guardians of the European consumer, MEPs from every main group accused the Commission of sins ranging from incompetence to deliberate obfuscation because it had failed to lead an adequate campaign against BSE. The far-right French National Front likened the Commission to "one of history's great poisoners of humanity". The "mad cow" disease epidemic was the consequence of the lust for unrestricted free trade, one MEP said.

In angry mood, several parties called for an official inquiry, although it was unclear whether there was enough support for this.

The dominant Socialist group said the note was "the quintessence of everything that the public finds wrong with the Commission."

Graham Watson, a British Liberal Democrat MEP, rounded on the British Government, saying "the cover-up of this issue has been the UK's Chernobyl."

> ❛ It is possible that we will have to *increase standards before allowing* exports of by-products to resume ❜

The Pope takes a walk through a valley in the Dolomite mountains yesterday during a holiday break. He is spending the time at Lorenzago di Cadore, north Italy, and will not return to the Vatican until next Tuesday

Delors vision for jobs fails to get Europe on its bike

BY GEORGE BROCK
EUROPEAN EDITOR

SHORTLY before he retired, Jacques Delors had urged the leaders of the European Union to launch a crusade against unemployment before the end of the century.

The former President of the European Commission carpet-bombed several summit meetings with fearsome graphs showing that both the United States and Asia create many more jobs than EU economies during both good times and bad. Europe should set itself a target, M Delors said, of creating 15 million new jobs by 2000.

Although dribs and drabs of M Delors' ideas survive, his "White Paper" designed to get Europe on its bike made no dent in the numbers. When M Delors rolled his ideas out, average unemployment was 11.5 per cent; it is almost exactly the same now. Europe's dole queue is 18-million people long.

As cash-strapped governments slim their welfare states to qualify for European monetary union, a fatalistic mood has taken over. "Future societies will have to get used to this, rather than chasing an unattainable level of employment for all," Johannes Gross, a German commentator, said.

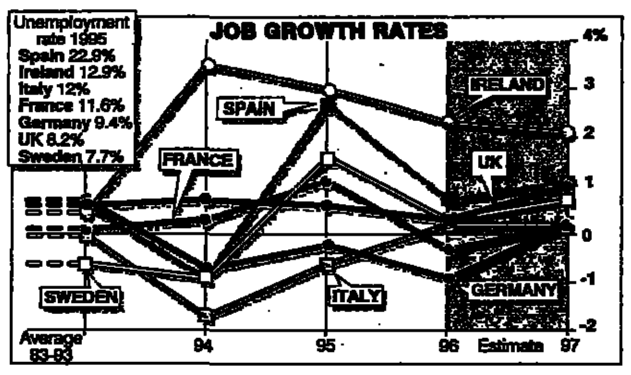
M Delors failed for reasons which explain the latest job-growth figures published by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development this week. European leaders such as Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, shy away from expensive public projects. Despite declarations that unemployment is a common problem, EU governments compete against each other to show that their policies best meet the need.

The award for the fastest growth rate goes to Ireland: 3 per cent last year. But the Irish labour force is expanding fast and, the OECD says, unemployment there will be 12.2 per cent at the end of next year. Spain suffers from the same problem.

Britain outperforms its larger EU partners. The net job creation rate is high and looks set to remain so. Although the OECD has quarrelled with British methods of counting the unemployed in the past, it underwrites the Tory claim that Britain has the "lowest rate of unemployment in any major EU economy". Only Sweden, The Netherlands and Portugal are around the same level.

"The UK does show pretty steady progress, and I don't see any sign of a downturn," Pam Meadows, director of the Policy Studies Institute, said of the new figures. "Germany and France don't get the same sort of job growth. Unemployment in those two countries ratchets itself upwards in each recession. France has seen very few new jobs for a long time, even though the economy's output is high."

The political battle will be over whether inequality or unemployment is the greater danger to social stability in Europe. The OECD's *Employment Outlook* warns that inequality in Britain and America threatens their fabric. British and US politicians reply that an EU jobless rate of more than 11 per cent is the real culprit.



Málaga hit by fourth Eta bomb in four days

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A BOMBING campaign by the Basque separatist group Eta, intended to damage tourism in Andalusia, gathered pace yesterday with an explosion in a shopping centre in Málaga.

The attack, unlike previous Eta bombs, occurred without warning. The bomb, the eighth in the southern Spanish province in six days — and the fourth in Málaga since Saturday — exploded in a lavatory in a city centre gallery of shops. No one was injured and damage was minimal.

During its summer bombing campaign in Andalusia, Eta has also exploded bombs at the popular tourist resort of Almuñécar on the Costa del Sol, the *parador* at Jaén, and outside the Alhambra in Granada.

The Andalusia campaign is designed to create fear at a time when the region has thousands of foreign visitors, many from Britain.

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Gore declares Yeltsin in good health at talks

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN confounded speculation about his health by appearing his normal self when he met Al Gore, the US Vice-President, yesterday in the Barvikha sanatorium outside Moscow.

The mystery of why Mr Yeltsin had cancelled their meeting on Monday at an hour's notice, unsettling world stock markets, remained unsolved. Mr Gore diplomatically brushed it aside as a routine change of plan.

A bank of cameras studied the Russian President for any signs of ill health. But as the two men sat opposite each other and chatted for 45 minutes, Mr Yeltsin looked no worse than he has on many occasions over the past few years. He walked a little stiffly and was puffy in the face, but smiled broadly and spoke clearly.

"He looks very good to me," Mr Gore said afterwards, anticipating reporters' questions. "He seemed to be in good health, relaxed, smiling and seemed very actively engaged in the subjects we discussed," the Vice-President said, adding that they had held an in-depth discussion on global and bilateral issues.

The cancelled meeting will now turn into just another of the mysterious episodes which have dogged Mr Yeltsin for the past three years and have persuaded some observers that he is seriously ill.

The press has not been able to see Mr Yeltsin in a spontaneous setting for almost a month. But in time-honoured Kremlin fashion, his aides have insisted only that he is "very tired" after a stressful election campaign and is taking a two-week holiday before his inauguration on August 9.

Mr Yeltsin's choice of a sanatorium as his holiday location however suggests that he is undergoing some kind of medical treatment and there is even speculation that he may undergo open-heart surgery some time later this year.

In an atmosphere of mutual cosiness Mr Gore warmly congratulated Mr Yeltsin on his election victory and on his "dancing technique", a reference to the Russian leader's lively performance on the campaign trail.

In response Mr Yeltsin said that it was a "common victory" for democracy. President Clinton made little secret of his support for Mr Yeltsin in the presidential election.

Many Russian liberal politicians had been hoping that Mr Gore would take a tough position on the recent military escalation in Chechenia and the bombing of villages. However his statement was vague; Mr Gore said only that he had urged Mr Yeltsin to restart the negotiation process and that he believed the issue could not be solved militarily.

Mr Gore said the details of the discussions were confidential. "I believe that the interests of the Russian and Chechen people would be best served by a return to the ceasefire arrangement and to the conditions negotiated about a month ago," he said.

The situation in Chechenia has deteriorated further with the shooting by soldiers of at least 13 people in three cars on the edge of Grozny on Monday night.

A crowd of women demonstrated outside the headquarters of the local Moscow-backed Government demanding that the perpetrators be punished.

Yesterday Anatoli Kulikov, the Russian Interior Minister, said that he had evidence that the two explosions on Moscow buses had been planned in Chechenia. He said his men had intercepted a telephone conversation in Chechenia between two men discussing the bombings. He added that the operation to attack separatist rebels would continue.

Mr Gore and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, who are co-chairmen of a joint commission on economic and scientific co-operation, signed 27 documents yesterday covering areas such as early warning about industrial and natural disasters, reducing emissions of "greenhouse gases", joint climatic research and construction of the international Alpha space station.

President Yeltsin and Vice-President Al Gore meet at a Moscow sanitorium yesterday

Ukraine leader survives car bomb

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KIEV

UKRAINE's Prime Minister, Pavlo Lazarenko, escaped an assassination attempt with only slight injuries yesterday when a bomb exploded under his car.

The blast occurred as Mr Lazarenko was on his way to Kiev airport. He was treated for a shoulder injury. Two guards in an accompanying car also suffered slight injuries, according to officials.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack.

An Interior Ministry official, who declined to be identified, said the bomb was planted in a drain and detonated by remote control as the car drove past. Police investigators said the bomb exploded while Mr Lazarenko's car was swerving to pass a passenger bus, which significantly diminished the impact of the explosion.

Mr Lazarenko left the capital an hour after the incident, travelling to the eastern city of Donetsk to negotiate with striking coalminers.

Aldrich: made security checks on staff

Clinton employees were drug takers

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration admitted yesterday that 21 employees were allowed to work at the White House even though their background checks showed recent or extensive drug use.

At the insistence of the Secret Service, which guards the President, the 21 had to submit to a drug-testing programme. None tested positive. The programme was set up two years ago and nine of the 21 who are still at the White House continue to be subject to special testing.

The admissions verify concerns raised by Gary Aldrich, the former FBI agent at the White House who has just published a venomous book about President and Mrs Clinton and their aides. Mr Aldrich was in charge of checks for new employees and has asserted that their ranks included drug-takers among "Clintonites".

The issue is a gift for Republicans who can turn it into an election issue with bumper stickers along the lines of: "No more Druggies in the White House". Many Americans are unlikely to be sympathetic to the idea that recent drug-users can get jobs on the public payroll at the White House, which is supposed to exemplify national pride and dignity.

Mike McCurry, Mr Clinton's spokesman, emphasised that none of the 130 senior aides to the President was implicated. About 1,700 people work at the White House.

Overdose boost for film from Britain

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A ROCK 'n' roll drugs scandal and the arrival in Manhattan of a shipment of unusually deadly heroin seem to have assured success in America for the British film *Trainspotting*.

The film, which portrays life among Edinburgh drug addicts, opens in New York this weekend. Its US distributor, Miramax, is speaking about takings of $20 million (nearly £13 million).

There has not been as much interest here in a British film since *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, although that could not have portrayed a more different picture of modern Britain. *Trainspotting*, which cost only $2.5 million to make, has been seized on by the metropolitan media as the clever thing to like this summer.

An unpleasant rock music death last weekend did the film no harm. Jonathan Melvoin, a keyboard player touring with the hit group Smashing Pumpkins, dispatched himself by taking an overdose of a new type of heroin which has arrived in New York. It is called Red Rum ("murder" spelt backwards) and is 70 per cent pure. Melvoin's death has not caused a slump in the demand for drugs. On Manhattan's Lower East Side, described as the "world capital of heroin", there has been a sharp increase in the number of young people looking for the high-grade Red Rum. If it was strong enough to kill a rock musician, it must be good, goes the theory.

Amid such macabre excitement, *Trainspotting* should rocket. Anti-drugs campaigners have added to the pre-release hype by deploring the "glamorisation" of heroin. Dr Paul Salkin, of the Psychiatric Associates Treatment and Consultation Centre, said: "These movies have a powerful effect on susceptible adolescents and damaged adults."

The first 20 minutes of the film's soundtrack were re-recorded to help US audiences to cope with the Scottish dialogue.

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Second mass grave in Bosnia to be opened this week

Anthony Loyd reports from Cerska on the grim tasks facing war crimes investigators uncovering the remains of thousands of Muslim victims

UNITED NATIONS workers will open a mass grave this week *at Nova Kasaba, in an* area where up to 2,700 massacred Muslims are believed to have been hurriedly buried after the fall of Srebrenica.

A test dig of the site last month revealed six bodies dumped on top of one another, two with their hands bound, one with its skull crushed. Madeleine Albright, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, said earlier this year that satellite photographs indicated up to 2,700 victims were buried in graves along a valley near Nova Kasaba, 19 *miles northwest of Srebrenica.*

The UN team hopes to have finished work at a site in Cerska, near Srebrenica, by *tomorrow, having opened up* a mass grave there on Monday. So far the remains of 75 men have been exhumed from this first site, and investigators believe another 30 to 40 are still to be recovered there. Once all the bodies have been exhumed, they will be taken to a mortuary in Tuzla for identification and examined by pathologists to gather further evidence for the war crimes tribunal *in The Hague.*

Between 3,000 and 8,000 men are believed to have been killed and buried in mass graves around eastern Bosnia after the formerly Muslim-majority town fell to the Serbs on July 11 last year.

"It will take months, years, to identify the bodies," Dr William Haglund, head of the UN team, said. "Many will never be identified."

The work is daunting. For one black American soldier serving with Ifor, the international implementation force, patrolling the Cerska site proved too much as night fell. From Mississippi, he had voodoo beliefs and the fears aroused by the skulls and bones were something that no M16 could deal with. It was not until his sergeant, a Vietnam veteran, ordered him out of the sanctuary of a Humvee that he stood guard on the track above the bodies.

The Serbs in eastern Bosnia have their own cult of the dead. Villagers around Srebrenica still believe in *vampires and ghosts.* Hundreds of bodies lie unattended. There is something deeply disturbing in finding bleached white skulls, bones and rags in the summer foliage at one's feet, and sensing the terror these individuals experienced.

No war crimes investigation team seeks these bodies, as their presence is superfluous *to the focus of the investigation* on specific sites of execution, and it seems that for these dead there will be neither justice nor even a grave. One such skeleton lies at the track junction leading to the site being exhumed at Cerska. At some point, this man had been bound with wire to a small concrete pillar near the verge, presumably to have something done to him with knives.

Haglund: presides over team of specialists

The investigators digging at Cerska are pragmatic and compassionate. Drawn from Physicians for Human Rights, a Boston-based organisation that brings together specialists required for such an investigation — archaeologists, doctors, anthropologists, pathologists, mine experts — the small team works with sensitivity.

"These are the dead," Dr *Haglund said. "They have* been silent for a year, and by our work they now have the chance to tell us through their bodies the story of what happened here."

What happened is becoming clearly visible from the evidence of bullet casings (many stamped '1994'), the absence of any military clothing, *the wire wrapped* around hands and arms, and the multiple gunshot injuries to each corpse: last July, more than 100 Muslim civilian men were lined up at the edge of the track at Cerska and shot by Serbs standing behind them. Their bodies tumbled over the edge of the bank and were covered with earth.

Dr Haglund, 53, a bearded American, cuts an academic figure, wearing a shirt and tie whatever the heat. A magnifying glass and scissors swing from a chain round his neck. A *small figure, he presides over* his team with methodical *punctiliousness.* They, for their part, appear to do most of their work in silence.

"They are used to digging mass graves," the doctor said. "Emotion may be put aside as they do their work, but they still feel shocked with the terrifying thing: the circumstances of how these people were killed. We know they were defenceless, many had wire tied around their hands, and that personalises it."

The work is grim and laborious, and the team members claim never to lose their awareness of the smell. High-tech equipment helps them to map the site, but locating the exact positions of the bodies before exhumation is done with a metal probe. Almost 5ft long and topped with a T-bar handle, it is pushed into the ground, withdrawn and sniffed. "The smell just knocks you over sometimes," one investigator said. "You might push it 10cm one way and it's just metal, then 10cm another *and ... oh boy."*

Peking is accused of 'cultural genocide'

By Michael Dynes

CHRIS HARRIS

The Dalai Lama at the House of Commons yesterday, where he urged the international community to help Tibet

THE Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, yesterday accused China of *conducting a policy of cultural* genocide in its attempt to crush the Tibetan people.

The Buddhist leader, who is revered as a "God King" by six million Tibetans, told British MPs that his people "are being marginalised and discriminated against in the face of creeping Sinocisation".

Speaking at the invitation of the all-party Parliamentary Group for Tibet, the Dalai Lama said the oppression of Tibet was an issue of "colonial rule".

The Dalai Lama said he was willing to hold talks with China on the future of Tibet. "As soon as there is a public indication from the Chinese Government, I am ready to negotiate without any precondition," he said.

But his appeal for "urgent intervention by the international community" prompted a swift rebuke from the Chinese authorities, who accused Britain of aiding and abetting attempts by the Buddhist leader to "split the motherland and undermine the ethnic harmony of China".

Cui Tiankai, a Chinese foreign affairs spokesman, said that the Dalai Lama's week-long visit — during which he will meet Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary — would have "adverse effects on Sino-British relations".

Since the Chinese invasion in 1949, hundreds of thou*sands of Chinese have migrat*ed to the Himalayan plateau. "The destruction of cultural artefacts and traditions, coupled with the mass influx of Chinese into Tibet, amounts to cultural genocide," the Dalai Lama said.

He told MPs that the "next few years will be crucial in bringing about negotiations between us and the Chinese *Government". This was the* only way to promote a peaceful settlement "and not, as China would have it, through force, intimidation and popular transfer," he added.

The Dalai Lama said that Tibet was an ancient nation with a unique culture and civilisation which was disappearing fast. "In endeavouring to protect my nation from *this catastrophe, I have* always sought to be guided by realism, moderation and patience," he said. "However, it *has become clear that our* efforts alone are not sufficient to bring the Chinese Government to the negotiating table. I am left with no other choice but to appeal to the international community for urgent intervention and action on behalf of my people," he added.

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Verona's silent tenor saved by voice-over

From John Phillips in Rome

ITALIAN opera critics yesterday praised the Russian tenor Sergei Larin for miming a performance of Don José in Bizet's *Carmen* after losing his voice. He was rescued by a volunteer from the audience who sang the lyrics from the orchestra pit.

Larin, 39, was struck dumb with laryngitis at the end of the second act during the first night at the Roman Arena of Verona on Sunday. Some 15,000 people were watching the performance directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

A doctor gave the stricken singer an injection and he *reappeared for the third act.* But after singing only a few notes, his affliction returned and he switched desperately into falsetto, bowing as the audience burst into sympathetic applause. A search for the stand-in revealed he had vanished — for dinner.

When all seemed lost, an American singer, John Horton Murray, came forward from the audience. "I know that part, I am going to sing it at the Metropolitan next autumn," Mr Murray, 34, said. And *Carmen* duly resumed.

Mr Murray said he had almost missed the opera after he was unable to find a hotel *room in Verona.*

Notat: her victory has angered leftwingers

Health job for Juppé ally

Paris: The "Iron Lady" of French unions, Nicole Notat, 48, yesterday outmanoeuvred *male colleagues to win the* presidency of the National Sickness Insurance Fund, one of the most powerful posts in the national health care system (Adam Sage writes).

Mme Notat's moderate centre-left union ousted rivals from the post. Her victory enraged left-wing organisations but was welcomed by Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, who sees her as an ally in his bid to cut the Fr48 billion (£6 billion) welfare deficit.

US death penalty attacked as racist

From Peter Capella in Geneva and Tom Rhodes in Washington

AMERICA is applying the death penalty in a racist, "wanton and freakish" manner, and offenders facing capital punishment are not assured of a fair trial, a respected group of independent judges and lawyers said in Geneva yesterday.

In America, the report drew swift reaction from the black civil rights movement, which said it exemplified a lack of political will in the Clinton Administration to deal with the issue of the death penalty.

The Geneva report, drawn *up by the International Com*mission of Jurists after a fact-finding mission to America earlier this year, says growing public pressure to clamp down on crime through capital punishment is increasing the chance of miscarriages of justice. It says 82 *per cent* of defendants are accused of murdering whites, and far the majority are poor. It adds that 40 per cent of those executed between 1973 and 1995 were of African-American, Hispanic, or American Indian origin.

The four senior jurists, from Australia, India, Nigeria and Sweden, who conducted the mission, say they were particularly disturbed by the political motivations of judges and district attorneys. In the 36 states where capital punishment is enforced, these officials "are elected quite often on the basis of their performance or promise of rigorously seeking out the death penalty".

The report continues: "The mission finds that the prospect of elected judges bending to political pressures in capital punishment cases is both real *as well as dangerous to the* principle of fair and impartial tribunals."

Speaking from New York, Kica Matos of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, said: "This report is absolutely cor*rect. The death penalty in the* United States is about race, arbitrariness and economic status. You rarely find a rich white person on death row and the Administration is doing absolutely nothing to change matters because this is an election year."

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Monsoon flooding kills 200

Guwahati, India: Flooding and landslides have killed up to 200 people and made about 2.2 million homeless in north-east India and north Bangladesh, and monsoon rains are continuing to lash the region, officials said yesterday.

Officials in the Indian tea and oil-rich state of Assam said two weeks of flooding had claimed 23 lives there and forced 1.7 million people from their homes.

In the eastern sector of West Bengal state, at least 70 people have been killed and 350,000 made homeless by floods or mudslides. *(Reuter)*

Rebel MiG pilot defects to Kabul

Kabul: A pilot from the rebel Taleban Islamic militia, which is fighting to topple the Afghan Government, has defected to government forces with a missile-armed MiG21 jet. Abdul Jalil, who said he was the deputy commander of the Taleban air force, has now been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general. The Taleban forces have been besieging Kabul, the Afghan capital, since last October. *(Reuter)*

Saddam family members 'held'

Cairo: In a struggle within Iraq's ruling family, President Saddam Hussein has detained a nephew and put a son-in-law under house arrest, the Tehran-based Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said. The claim follows a reported coup attempt last month in which at least 50 officers were arrested. *(AP)*

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Bombay: Ciprian Manolescu, 17, a Romanian, beat 429 teenagers from 75 countries to top the 37th International Mathematical Olympiad with a perfect score, the organisers announced here. *(Reuter)*

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Rollercoaster politics leaves Arkansas gasping at Governor's long goodbye

Tucker: finally kept his promise to resign

BY TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN A series of reversals, stunning even by the chaotic standards of Arkansas politics, President Clinton's Democratic successor as state Governor effectively held the office hostage, was threatened with impeachment and finally kept his promise to resign.

Governor Jim Tucker, one of three Clinton associates to have been found guilty of fraud and conspiracy in the first Whitewater-related trial, had promised he would stand down this week as required by the Arkansas constitution. Five minutes before Lieutenant-Governor Mike Huckabee was to be sworn in on Monday as only the third-ever Republican chief executive, however, Mr Tucker shocked the general assembly with a letter that said he was leaving office only temporarily, pending the outcome of an appeal on his convictions.

He said Mr Huckabee would be installed as acting governor only until the appeal was complete, while he himself would take disability leave. Mr Tucker said his conviction would be overturned once it had been publicly acknowledged that, during the course of his trial, a female member of the jury had married a man to whom the Governor had denied clemency on a 40-year sentence for cocaine possession in 1992.

"I don't know how I would explain two weeks from now if the elimination of the verdict would eliminate the reason for my resignation," said Mr Tucker. "I know there are people who will say, 'You ought to get this over with and not allow it to go on any longer'. But I don't think that is in the best interest of the people of Arkansas."

Mr Tucker then sent a further letter from his office in which he withdrew his original resignation altogether, forcing Mr Huckabee, who described the incident as a "very critical moment for Arkansas", to announce that he would begin impeachment proceedings against the Governor if he did not relinquish his position immediately. Finally, Mr Tucker issued a handwritten statement that he would resign without condition.

But his decision not to step aside quietly only focused American minds once more on the bizarre politics of Mr Clinton's home state, the issue of Whitewater and whether Mr Tucker is merely a victim of presidential politics.

The convictions of Mr Tucker and Jim and Susan McDougal, the Clintons' partners in the failed Whitewater land venture, had brought the scandal to the threshold of the White House and dented the President's poll ratings for several weeks. The spectacle in Little Rock will only renew interest in both Mr Tucker and his links to the Clintons.

Scenes of frenzy in the Arkansas assembly came only hours before the President gave a television interview in which he maintained the Whitewater investigation had been "highly politicised" and had produced no evidence that either he or his wife, Hillary, were involved in any criminal activity.

"This has gotten a lot of exhaustive attention, perhaps more than it deserves, and every reading of the evidence ... fails to demonstrate any wrongdoing by either one of us," Mr Clinton said.

Appearing on MSNBC, the new cable and Internet news service, Mr Clinton added: "I think the American people are fair-minded. They've heard a lot more negative than positive."

Taking questions from the interviewer, Tim Brokaw, callers and e-mail via the Internet, Mr Clinton also praised his Republican rival, Bob Dole, for his integrity.

"I believe he really loves our country. He was hurt very badly in the Second World War. He could have been embittered. He could have walked away."

Netanyahu eases West Bank curbs before Cairo visit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government yesterday announced plans to ease the 19-week blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip which has kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from their jobs and caused widespread economic hardship.

The move, announced after a Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, was seen as a sweetener in advance of Binyamin Netanyahu's first trip as Prime Minister to the Arab world tomorrow, when he will hold crucial talks with President Mubarak in Cairo. This will be followed next week by talks in Jordan with King Husain.

The Cabinet statement yesterday did not give details of how the restrictions — imposed after a string of lethal suicide bomb attacks — would be lifted, saying only that the move was intended "to alleviate the economic distress of the Palestinians". Political sources said the move was in line with Mr Netanyahu's policy of improving Palestinian living conditions, while denying them any chance of self-determination.

According to government officials, once the closure has been lifted completely, half the 200,000 foreign workers now employed in Israel will be expelled. The foreigners have upset many Jews for a number of reasons, ranging from their liaisons with Jewish women to the Thai workers' supposed habit of hunting and eating domestic animals.

Some of the restrictions were lifted in recent weeks to allow several thousand middle-aged, married Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel. In peak times, more than 100,000 people from the occupied West bank and Gaza Strip worked in Israel.

Diplomats predicted after the election of Mr Netanyahu that he would lift the closure imposed by his Labour predecessor, Shimon Peres, both to try to improve living conditions for Palestinians, many of whom are on the breadline, and also because his Likud Party regarded the closure as indirectly defining boundaries for a potential Palestinian state, which it opposes.

Shortly before lifting of the closure was announced, Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, snubbed Mr Netanyahu's senior political adviser, Dore Gold, who had attempted to arrange a meeting with him. Officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation said Mr Arafat rejected the contact because he did not want Mr Netanyahu to exploit contacts with the Palestinians to ease what are expected to be tough introductory talks with the Egyptian leader.

On the eve of Mr Netanyahu's planned visit, already condemned in advance by Egyptian journalists, Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said that "dangerous consequences" would result from Israel's determination to abandon the formula of "land for peace". At a Cairo summit last month, 21 members of the Arab League warned Israel that steps to normalisation could be reversed if there was no progress in peace talks.

Israeli security sources yesterday told the Tel Aviv daily *Haaretz* that Palestinian anger at the Government's new hardline policy had already provoked popular activity against Israeli forces in the occupied lands. "As of yet, there is not an intifada," the sources said, "but there is ferment in the field."

Mercenary traits in army shock Israelis

Jerusalem: Israelis have been stunned by publication of official salary figures showing that career army officers, always regarded as selfless and austere heroes, are in fact spectacularly well paid (writes Christopher Walker).

The figures were released by the Finance Ministry under Dan Meridor, the new right-wing minister, to silence a near-mutiny within the forces over draconian cuts in defence spending. These are part of the new Government's attempt to slash nearly 5 billion shekels (about £1 billion) from the annual budget.

The salaries were divulged to the Knesset's influential Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee during a session in camera. They show that a major-general earns about £5,500 a month, about five times the Israeli average. On retirement, which can be as early as 42, a major-general receives grants equivalent to £280,000, according to the Finance Ministry presentation. According to the ministry, which finds itself struggling to rescue the country from economic crisis, lower-ranking officers earn somewhat less, but still well above the standard Israeli salary.

In an effort to hit back, the military insists that the figures have been deliberately inflated and that true earnings are lower. A major-general, the army claims, could receive a lump sum of only £64,000 on retirement and then a monthly pension of about £3,000.

General Liu Zhenwu inspects a guard of honour in Hong Kong yesterday at the start of his tour of inspection

Chinese commander visits Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
IN HONG KONG

IN THE first visit to Hong Kong by a senior Chinese military officer, General Liu Zhenwu, who will be the commander of the incoming garrison when the British Army leaves in less than a year, yesterday began a three-day tour inspecting military facilities.

Major-General Bryan Dutton, Commander British Forces in Hong Hong, who was General Liu's guest in May, said: "This is a very significant trip, representing the continuing liaison we've been aiming at for the past two years." It is expected that the future Chinese garrison will consist of about 9,000 troops, the same size as the British force until it was reduced recently to 3,000.

General Liu, 50, said he was happy to be in Hong Kong and extended greetings to "compatriots" there. He is an experienced infantry commander but does not speak English. Observers view him as competent and professional; in the Chinese Army, where all officers are Communist Party members, this means he has not made significant ideological mistakes.

Kashmir killings set back tourism

FROM COOMI KAPOOR
IN DELHI

INDIA'S hopes of restoring order to the troubled state of Kashmir have been set back by the murder of six Indian tourists in Srinagar, its summer capital.

The tourists, from the western Indian state of Rajasthan, were staying in a houseboat on Dal Lake. They were abducted by masked gunmen who later released three women, a child and two Kashmiri boatmen. The male tourists were kept hostage and later shot in the head.

The killings will frustrate attempts to revive tourism in the state, which has been plagued by insurgency for more than seven years. The Indian Government had hoped to restore normality in the area, where militants are fighting to establish a separate homeland.

Tourism was once the economic mainstay of the scenic valley, which is surrounded by the snowcapped Himalayas. During the insurgency most hotels have been closed or occupied by Indian troops, but in the past year tour operators had wooed some adventurous holidaymakers back to what was the favourite holiday destination for Indians.

The latest killings were the first instance of Indian tourists being shot. But in the past two months militants have killed 12 Nepali labourers and a group of 11 construction workers from Bihar state. It is still uncertain whether five Western hostages who were abducted in Kashmir a year ago are still alive.

A so-called militant co-ordination group, made up of all the state's main separatist factions, issued a statement last week requesting a ban on excursions in Kashmir. It said tourism did not go well with the struggle to free the region from Indian rule. More than a dozen groups are fighting Delhi's rule in India's only Muslim-majority state.

NORMAN ROCKWELL

The price of a haircut divides the sexes but it may be a snip closer soon

New York at equality's cutting edge

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ONE OF the great inequalities between the sexes may soon be ended in New York. The city intends to ban hairdressers from charging women more than men to have their regular wash and blow dry.

The cost of a woman's hairdo, a source of bemusement to husbands across the world, was investigated by New York's department of consumer affairs. Its undercover agents discovered that hair salons regularly charged women some 20 per cent more than men for near-identical treatments.

A half-inch cut, wash and blow dry at Natalie's Unisex parlour in mid-Manhattan, for instance, cost $31 (£20) for a woman and $19 (£12) for a man. That compares with an average in Britain of about £16 for a woman and £10 for a man.

In a survey conducted by the department, 50 per cent of hairdressers raised their prices for women. As a result, the city council will in September debate a law which bans tonsorial "gender price discrimination". The law may at first be enforceable only in unisex establishments, but a test case could make life interesting for some women-only hair salons.

The New York Times recently reported the arrival of the $500 (£320) hairdo, courtesy of the Frederic Fekkai salon. Mr Fekkai, deft with compliments and possessed of a spray-on smile, has bookings for the next year, but his charges are about $450 in excess of the top rate for barbers.

There was a similar move some years ago against discrimination at dry cleaners, which were found to be charging more to clean women's shirts than men's. The habit has now been stopped.

Michael Obadia, a hairdresser in the Trump Tower, suggested that the difference in prices reflected the greater difficulty of cutting a woman's hair. "It is a style, an image, a look, a projection," he said. "There are so many styles for women." He predicted that prices for women would not drop but instead rise for men. Another cutter, requesting anonymity, said women were charged more because they talked more while having their hair done, thus taking up more time.

Women's salons also have a greater number of assistants to tip. Lucy Nathanson, an architectural assistant, said yesterday: "You have to give five bucks to the washer, the setter, the cutter and maybe the doorman. It gets kind of dear."

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Beer advert whips up a tribal storm in US

BY QUENTIN LETTS

NATIVE Americans are angry about a British advertisement for Budweiser beer which, they say, stereotypes the image of the "drunken Indian".

The television commercial for the American beer, so far shown only on British screens, features a bar full of Indians. The driver of a cement lorry walks in, his face covered in white dust, and the bar quietens. Only when the man douses himself in water to show an Indian visage underneath the ghostly "pale face" does the conversation in the bar resume.

Native Americans criticised the advertisement and called on Budweiser's American owner, Anheuser-Busch, to reconsider its suitability. The film was made by its London advertising agency, DDB Needham. Stanley Knick, director of the Native American Resource Centre in Pembroke, North Carolina, said yesterday: "People will be offended and troubled by the closeness to the stereotype of the drunken Indian that has plagued the United States since the last century." It was an image fostered by 19th century American literature and films.

Suzan Shown Harjo, a leading member of the Cheyenne tribe, said: "From driving a truck that uses Native American imagery to furthering the impression that Indian people are so closely linked to booze — it's just a continuation of the stereotype."

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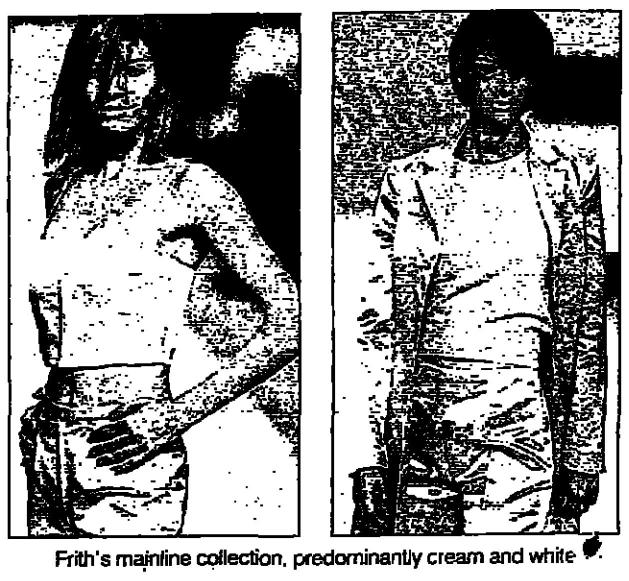

Frith's mainline collection, predominantly cream and white

"IT'S far more difficult to design for a high street store than for my own label because I can do more or less anything I want for my own catwalk collection," says fashion designer Paul Frith as he unveils the collection of just under 20 pieces he has produced for the Bhs chain. He is the latest designer to be tempted by the mainstream market and the challenge has paid off.

Frith has already produced a pre-Christmas collection for the company and has begun working on another to go into the stores in spring 1997. Both he and Bhs seem pretty pleased with the results. "The association with a high street store is an opportunity to put my clothes on the backs of more people," says Frith.

"We had sponsored Paul's collections for the past two seasons so the capsule collection marks a natural progression," says Sheena MacDonald, the design director at Bhs. The company is committed to supporting new design talent and for the past two years has sponsored a graduate fashion week. From the wealth of home-grown talent Frith, it seems, was an easy choice. "His style matches our own," says MacDonald.

CERTAINLY Frith's brand of easy glamour has made him popular with *Vogue* magazine, a fact which can't have gone unnoticed with the team at Bhs. "He is at his best designing for sophisticated women," says Anna Harvey, the deputy editor of *Vogue*, "women who like clean lines, simple tailoring and beautiful fabrics. I love his pure approach."

Which is exactly what he has given Bhs — a collection of no-nonsense pieces with a classy touch. "The original brief was not very specific," says Frith. "They wanted a flavour of what I do. I am more concerned with shape than detail. I want women to think, hey, this is a great jacket, pair of pants, or dress. I wanted to make a collection of clothes which totally work together."

For this first collection Frith shunned colour — *everything* is black except for one or two little tops in white — the complete opposite of his own mainline collection for this summer which is predominantly cream and white with a few bright highlights. "This was an attempt to give the collection a very definite image, a sophisticated look. Black is the favoured colour of the fashion pack. It's chic. It's very high street to go for the colours of the moment," he says.

Without colour, fabric became important and was the starting point for his designs. Frith told them which fabrics he wanted to use — an assortment of satins, taffeta, wool, jersey rib and stretch velour — and the Bhs team sourced them from their manufacturers. This immediately kept costs down and enables the store to price Frith's designs for little more than £10 above their expected price tags — dresses average £55 and jackets cost around £80. Not bad for a *designer* item.

Dresses are important. "I have simply interpreted them for a wider market," he says. "A shaped jacket isn't cut quite as severely as I might, but it still follows my line. I wanted to make beautiful garments which were, within the confines of price and profile, as close as possible to clothes I would produce myself."

What Frith has also done is to afford Bhs a fresh eye and a considered opinion, and it's rubbing off. Already there is talk of certain of his styles being incorporated into the main Bhs line later in the season.

"In the past there was an inconsistency of handwriting," says Madeline Moran, a womenswear design consultant, who worked closely with Frith on the project. "We were all over the place. There would be a great look next to a nasty polyester blouse. Having him on the team made everyone feel special."

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The man who has given his life to love and Africa

Mary Riddell meets the legendary wildlife film-maker Alan Root

Close encounter: Alan Root relaxes on an African photo safari

To date, Alan Root has had a large segment of his leg torn off by a 30st gorilla, his bottom chewed by a leopard and his arm readjusted by an angry hippopotamus. He also lost a finger, and almost his life, when he was bitten by a puff adder.

And who, you are wondering, is Alan Root, or what remains of him? Imagine a venerable Indiana Jones in wire-rimmed spectacles.

His talent as a wildlife film-maker rivals or exceeds that of Cousteau or Attenborough. His *Survival Special* programmes have won him countless awards and made £43 million for Anglia Television, and his disdain for publicity is as legendary as his talent. Who else, for heaven's sake, could get an Oscar nomination for a film about an anthill?

We meet in a London hotel, where Root — tanned, scarred and sixtyish — sips whisky and looks as out of place as a rhino at a garden party. Just back from a decade filming in the uncharted rainforests of Zaire (a habitat he clearly finds more congenial), he is here to talk about his new film, *A Space In The Heart Of Africa*, which will be screened next Wednesday on ITV.

Root with his wife Jenny

"It was a boyhood dream. I grew up in East Africa, and the west always seemed wilder and more exciting. But I left it until late, because I knew it would take up to ten years to get all those strange, rare creatures."

Root's odyssey is an extraordinary story on two levels. The first is the sheer size of the problems he had to overcome. He travelled by plane and trail bike, and when the roughest paths ran out, he walked.

His targets were animals so rare that some had never been seen before. The catlike fishing genet had been identified only by bones found 30 years ago until Root tracked it down and filmed it.

Finding the Congo peacock, last seen 50 years ago, demanded four days' trek by motorbike and a further two on foot before Root found a Zairean who knew the species. "He said: 'Oh yes, I ate one of those a while ago.' "

Born in London and evacuated in the war to Wiltshire, Root's early passion for bird-watching was a modest training for the problems he was to encounter after his family moved to Kenya and he, self-taught, began his film career.

On the latest expedition, he was bitten by a snake ("only medium-venomous"), crashed his Cessna four-seater ("no one hurt but the wheels and wings were ripped off"), and ended up clinging to a plank of wood and his motorbike when a bridge broke underneath him.

The crocodile-infested river ran 30ft below, and help took an hour to arrive, but Root, although horrified at the thought of losing his work, was calm in the knowledge that he again faced death. "I suppose I am a compulsive risk-taker. But any of the animals which have bitten me in the past could have killed me, and none of them did. Really, they were saying 'Shove off'. I'm not fearful, because taking risks is part of the job, and anyway, I wouldn't mind dying that way. I'd rather not, but it wouldn't be a horrible way to die."

But death, or fear of it, overshadowed the making of his film. The second level of Root's extraordinary story is the fact that he undertook the last part of his crusade knowing that his wife might not survive its completion.

Several years ago, he and his first wife, Joan — with whom he ran safaris — divorced. "We were together too much — never out of each other's sight and sound. Plus I was totally self-centred and never thought about the relationship."

Shortly afterwards, he remarried. Jenny was a local potter whose work he had admired for years. She had also been told, not long before their wedding, that she had leukaemia and 18 months to live.

"She's been just incredible. She's not well now, and it's been very hard for her. I have much more admiration for her sort of toughness than for mine. I was worried about her health, but I had to get through the Zaire project — so much money had been invested in it, and it was something I had wanted to do for all of my life.

"I was commuting insanely: flying back and forth from Nairobi to Zaire in my small plane, but both of us knew this was something I couldn't just turn my back on. It will probably be my last major film."

As always, he filmed, produced and edited his work, as well as writing the script and choosing his favourite actor, Ian Holm, to read it. He so disliked the production of a film on the Galapagos, narrated by the Duke of Edinburgh, that he demanded full control of his *Survival* programmes and resigned when he did not get it.

Root spent two years with the BBC before the telegram arrived from his former employers. "Lassie, Come Home," it said. And he did. Now, years on, he is at last going home: this time for good.

From now on, he will live with Jenny in their home on the outskirts of Nairobi, grateful that millions of people have seen his Africa, while he has had his years of solitude. "I hate actually showing the country to people. I used to run photographic safaris, and I never liked having the paying dudes along."

If tourists were tiresome, Hollywood seemed worse. He consented to do only one film, *Gorillas in the Mist*, on the understanding that his sequences would be filmed in a separate country where he could work alone with his animals.

Root's ultimate fulfilment was to track down the unseen and the elusive. It was less a dream than an obsession, and it has left him at last. He will never again work to the same pitch, and he will not mourn it. "I've done my bit for posterity, if that doesn't sound too grand. I'm not burning to get on to the next job any more, and a lot of that is being married to Jenny. I have found at last that there is something more important then work."

He, after all, merely filmed survival. She, against all the odds, achieved it.

Fine focus: Root takes a close-up shot of one of his wildlife subjects

Handle with extra care: a crocodile is caught for the camera

Siamese twins present a unique dilemma

The loneliest people alive

RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

It is not simply for their rarity that Siamese twins attract national attention. They awaken a macabre curiosity in those who contemplate them, a fascinated horror at the thought of a future faced as part of an indissoluble pair. In a culture which believes in the uniqueness of human personality, a being that is more than one and yet less than two can be seen as a marvel of nature or a metaphysical insult.

Their eerie interpenetration encapsulates the drama of individual life, the struggle for freedom of self against the demands of society. Siamese twins encompass the ambiguities of a parodoxical world, they illustrate Coleridge's "warring contraries of life", constantly invading and repelling each other. They represent the puzzling play of harmony and interfusion against discord and separation.

History tells of several celebrated pairs of Siamese twins. There were the Biddenden maids, Mary and Eliza Chulkhurst. They lived in Kent in the early years of this century and when they died they left 20 acres of land, part of the rent of which was to be spent each year distributing cakes baked in their image to itinerants who passed through the village. There were the two sisters, Millie Christine, born in North Carolina in 1851. Millie sang soprano and Christine contralto, while they accompanied themselves on the guitar. The Godino brothers, who were born in the Philippines in 1908, became proficient at swimming, tennis and golf.

But the popular term Siamese twins orginates from the celebrated brothers, Chang and Eng, who were born in Siam (now Thailand) in 1811. Joined at the base of their chests by a thick, fleshy ligament, they lived a "normal" life until the age of 13 when, spotted by a shrewd Scottish trader, they were tempted over to America. For 15 years they were exhibited in fairs and sideshows all over the United States under the banner *lusus naturae* — the sport of nature.

In their early years, Chang and Eng seemed mentally as well as physically indivisible. They referred to themselves in letters as "I". What one disliked eating, the other rejected. When one felt satiated, the other did too. They would fall ill together and then recover, both on the same day. Eventually they married two sisters and organising their lives as their mother had taught them — taking it in turns week by week to take control of what they would do — they would visit their separate wives and homes. Between them they fathered 21 children.

But after their marriages, each began to feel the other an albatross about his neck. Chang would irk his brother by sitting up all night playing poker. He took to whisky and his brother — who was teetotal — would find himself chained in uncomfortable proximity to a violent drunk.

In addition to this they began to find their life as exhibits repugnant. Where audiences had found them charming in their youths, they found them in middle age increasingly risible and repulsive. The twins consulted a surgeon about separation, but were warned that it would result in their deaths.

Chang eventually grew increasingly ill. Partially paralysed by a stroke, he had to be dragged around by his brother. Finally, Eng woke up one night feeling sick. His twin lay chill and dead beside him. He drew his brother into his arms. "May the Lord have mercy on my soul," he said, before leaning back on his pillows he too died. They were buried beneath a double headstone.

In a modern era, Chang and Eng could easily have been separated. They, like the majority of conjoined twins, were united only by their body walls. But sometimes the connection is visceral. The twin girls born in Glasgow last week shared both a heart and a liver. In cases like this, a painful moral dilemma arises. Parents and surgeons must choose whether to leave the twins to grow up intact, or whether one should be sacrificed so that the other can live.

This was the case with the Hensel sisters, who live in a small town in the American Midwest. Sharing a bloodstream and all organs from the waist down, to have separated them at birth would almost certainly have resulted in death.

Now six years old and inseparably linked, they live apparently happy and healthy lives. They use humour to outface the problems they encounter in their almost unimaginably intimate lives.

They are two very different people in character, with different opinions, tastes and dreams. Undoubtedly their bravery and determination has much to teach about the strength and power of human co-operation. But their future as they reach puberty will hold severe trials. The tragic words of a pair of conjoined twins in Russia ring a cruel knell: "We are the loneliest people alive," they said.

Yet even if separation can be guaranteed safe, the dilemmas posed are still harrowing. Multiple surgery sends a child out on a pathway of pain which leads to severe disablement and, often, a life confined to a wheelchair. Such mutilations seem sad as a ruin. The Biddenden Maids sagely refused to be separated. "As we came together, so shall we go together," they said.

The civilised world is outraged by the very suggestion of the fairground freakshow. Yet we roll up to marvel at the wonders of science. Though their stories are often dressed up as tales of parental love and fortitude, conjoined twins, in certain cases, seem to have become exhibits for the demonstration of modern medical magic. They have become surgical sideshows.

The ethical dilemma in cases in which children are born critically impaired is less that of whether the severely handicapped have a right to life, as whether parents have a right to choose for their children a life of crippling pain.

In nature, there are no authentic records of a double mammal having survived into adulthood in the wild state. Only reptiles and fish have survived in this way. The parents of the conjoined sisters born in Glasgow made a generous and humane — though undoubtedly painful — decision, when they decided that their children should not be separated. After a serious deterioration of condition, the twins were taken off ventilation. The parents allowed their daughters to die with the dignity which a human being deserves.

Eng and Chang found life increasingly repugnant

IT SEEMS possible that Diana, Princess of Wales, though divested of the title HRH, resigned the patronage of more than one hundred charities last night in an imperious fit of pique. If so, the Queen of Hearts is casting aside her caring role in as cavalier a fashion as she relinquished her regiments. It is telling that she should have retained her more material royal regalia — her brooches and bracelets, pearls and pendants.

Would it be cynical to suggest that her interest in these charities was purely a matter of image all along? If so, perhaps Relate, the marriage guidance counselling service, will not be alone in breathing a sigh of relief to have lost so inappropriate a patron.

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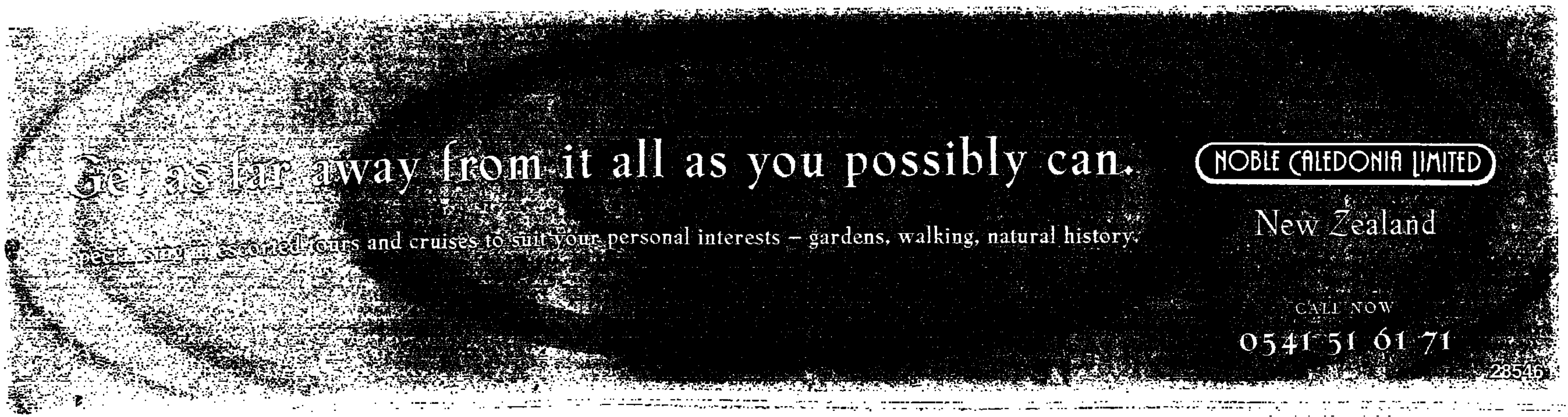

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The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on. Which is to say that had that resonant line been writ today, and had its encompassing poem been as successful as it was yesterday, then Edward Fitzgerald's finger would immediately have moved on to nationwide chains of Khayyam Kutprice Karpet warehouses, Khayyam Kosy Karavanserai motels, and Khayyam InKar Kwiksnax outlets, where the peckish driver could enjoy a drive-in flask of wine and loaf of bread without even getting out from behind the wheel.

For literature itself has moved on, and if, in 1996, a book is to be worth writing, it has to end up as far more than a mere half-pound of assorted syllables gummed down one edge. It has to be the fulcrum of a hundred lucrative spin-offs, and not simply films or television series or Lloyd Webber musicals and their Original Cast Albums either, it has to do everything it commercially can, from launching itself at Christmas as a hilarious board game for funlovers from nine to ninety, to endorsing a fabulous range of pret-à-porter cocktail frocks for the fashionable bibliophile. These days, when we literary theorists speak of a core text, we mean that dull little oblong thing which sets the whole glittering ball rolling.

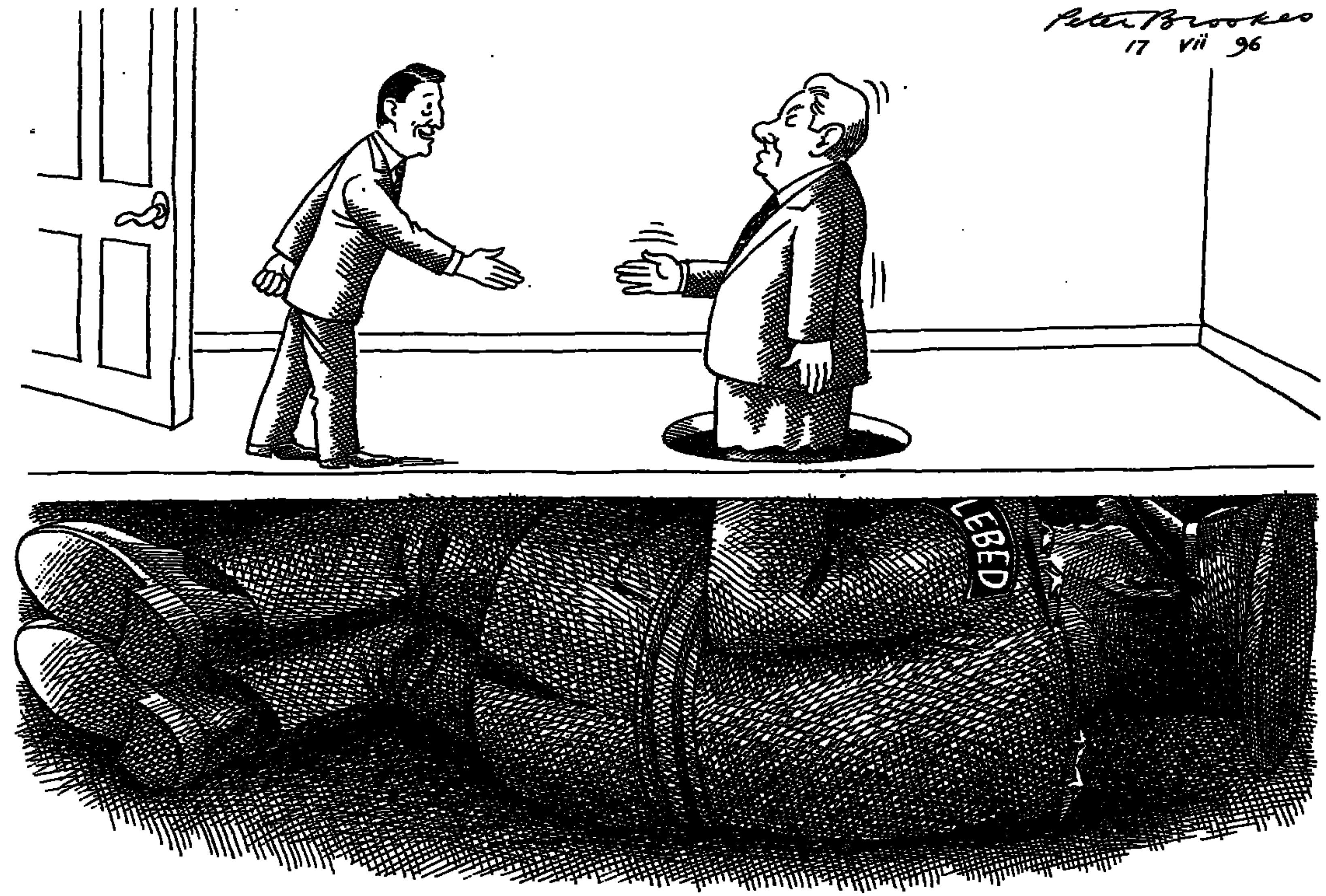
Our scene now shifts, as the more pulse-fingering booklovers among you may already have guessed, to Provence. Well, to a sort of Provence: the sort of Provence where a major typist can sit in the sun, drink in, along with a chilled bottle or three of Bandol blanc, the wondrous world about him — its skies, its hills, its fields, its rivers, its villages, its incomparable flora and fauna, its myriad people — reflect deeply for a couple of moments, and then, dropping his eyes to his laptop, begin banging out a book which bears hardly any resemblance at all to the reality he has just been observing, in order to commend itself to four million paying customers who require only that their fantasies be vindicated. This accomplished, and the result faxed to his publishers, the typist has only to sit back again and wait for the lucrative offs to start spinning, from sitcoms and pinnies to Weekend Provençal Breaks (in association with Another Newspaper) and Dream Provençal Cottages To Be Won (in association with Another Newspaper Still).

And now, as we heard yesterday, to a fragrance. For the great French parfumier Fragonard — no relation to the painter as far as I know, but you can't be sure of anything these days, art may be just the same as literature, you can probably buy Van Gogh earplugs — has just launched a scent called A Year In Provence, endorsed from New York, where he now shrewdly lives, by Mr Mayle, to whom numerous smells were flown for his approval, possibly, I'm only guessing, with a little input from his accountant, too. Niffed, it apparently evokes Provence, and I say OK, fine, goodbye and good luck to it: for I now have other fish to fry.

In order to incorporate them into my own forthcoming perfume. For I, those with uneven piano legs may recall, once wrote a book called *A Year in Cricklewood*. It did not, sadly, generate any spin-offs at all: no tabloid offered Weekend Cricklewood Breaks or Dream Cricklewood Cottages, there were no glossy Cricklewood Calendars or Traditional Cricklewood Recipe Cards, no ranges of Authentic Cricklewood Peasant Smocks, no Extra Virgin Cricklewood Olive Oil — nothing but a book in a window waiting stoically to be reduced from £12.95.

I now know where we both went wrong. For while, I have to concede, there might be the odd promotional headache when it comes to pushing Cricklewood cuisine, or Cricklewood couture, or Cricklewood wines, or even romantic holidays on the sunsoaked Cricklewood Riviera, there is no question but that Cricklewood exudes an irresistible fragrance all its own: a subtle blend of cod-batter and diesel, of teeming skip and doggy verge, of squattered walkway and shredded tyre, of sun-dried lager and cloven binliner, of a thousand other more elusive constituents of that peripolitan perfume which few can sniff without the tears coming to their eyes, especially if the wind is blowing off Kilburn.

I shall ring Fragonard forthwith. I may become a literary giant yet.



Zulu lessons for Ulster

Only democracy can exorcise this tribal conflict — as it has done in Natal

Simon Jenkins

Another summer and another "marching season". The strangled accents of Ulstermen trading insults rasp across the radio waves. History that elsewhere rests with Guy Fawkes and the King of Spain's Beard is here recalled with the thud of a bomb and the crack of an Armalite. Ulster returns each year to remind Britons of politics as original sin. How we would love to get shot of the place.

This year, even the incorrigible optimist must accept that a policy pursued for 20 years has collapsed. The policy is that of reform through direct rule. The present Prime Minister, John Major, has been its bravest and most determined advocate so far. He has tested it to destruction. But there can be no argument. The policy has not worked. The petrol bombs and barricades, the shootings and hysteria, the raucous name-calling and plummy admonitions of the past week are a stain on Britain's good name. The policy is finished, useless, dead. We have only its ghostly echo, Mr Major incanting on *Panorama* the umpteenth appeal to "centre opinion", and promising to "try and try and try again". Try what? Talk about talks . . . round-table negotiation . . . reconciliation . . . power-sharing . . . hope? Give us a break.

If a ruler has one obligation to the ruled, it is that of intelligence. British policy in Ulster is no longer intelligent. Direct rule has failed because, almost from the start in 1974, it removed from its foundations the one pre-requisite for success: the evolution of mature local leaders to take on the responsibilities of self-rule. Without that leadership there could be no local democracy. Without democracy there could be no consent to the sacrifices and disciplines necessary for an end to inter-communal violence. This is the First Law of Political Dynamics, and Britain has broken it.

Look across the world, from Palestine's East Bank to the shanty-towns of Natal, from the suburbs of Sarajevo to the favelas of Sao Paolo, and you will see no more glaring example of this law in action (or inaction) than last week in the fields of Drumcree. A British police chief with the might of a modern army at his back had to lead a phalanx of tribal primitives in hats and sashes across a patch of territory held sacred by their no less primitive foes hurling obscenities at them. This was not Papua New Guinea or upper Amazonia. This was 1990s Britain. These people have social security numbers. Their children have league-table educations. But what did their rulers immediately argue about? Who tipped the wink to whom in the line of command so as to escape blame. Drumcree was a nadir in British public administration, a Field of the Cloth of Shame.

British colonial rule, which is what Northern Ireland has had for 20 years, has long been an ideological tussle between concepts of direct and indirect rule. Advocates of the latter, associated with the great Lord Lugard, held that good administration could only be sustained by building on local leadership. Undermine the warlords of the Punjab or the emirs of Kano or the sultans of the Straits and you might as well go back to Surrey. Consent to British sovereignty had to be rooted in institutions and leaders on the ground. Sustain them and sovereignty was secure. Displace them and you could rule only through force, and not for long. Lugard won this argument and the British Empire outshone all rivals. Where he lost, as in Kenya, the outcome was bloody and tragic.

Last week there was much talk in London about the success of Nelson Mandela's Government in building political stability in the ruins of apartheid South Africa. Its greatest test has been in Natal, where the Zulu Inkatha party and the local African National Congress had engaged in inter-communal butchery for years. This did not stop with the arrival of democracy, but it is diminishing fast. At last month's elections, party leaders supported by local businesses pleaded for a renunciation of violence in favour of democracy. Chief Buthelezi and the ANC chief Jacob Zuma toured the province appealing for their followers to respect the ballot.

The central difference between Ulster and Natal is that the Natal elections were real, not synthetic, as are those of Ulster direct rule. David Trimble, Peter Robinson, John Hume and Gerry Adams have never exercised governmental power, nor bid for it in any election. They are merely group representatives. For Buthelezi and Zuma, elections were about jobs, services, money, patronage, security. The South African constitution has (so far) respected the autonomy of provincial leaders. There is no outsider to hold the ring, no foreign policeman or peacemaker or arbiter. There is no John Major or Bill Clinton or Senator Mitchell. Local leadership alone has stood between Natal and mayhem, and has had to compromise accordingly. Nobody in Natal said that local democracy "must await the defeat of the men of violence". Democracy alone could exorcise that bloodshed.

In Ulster, British ministers believe the opposite. They have long maintained that any return of democracy to the province can only follow the defeat of terrorism. This lack of faith in democracy's strength and purpose is cynical. To the centralists of Westminster democracy (whether in Scotland or Northern Ireland, or even London) is a mere bonbon, a reward for being good. It is what a bountiful superior power awards to a subsidiary district.

I believe that in Northern Ireland, as in Natal and (we hope) in Bosnia, democracy is a potent force for peace. It offers the gate through which any mixed community must pass if it is to achieve stable peace. The contrast between the British Government's idea of democracy and that of the rest of the world could hardly be greater. In the fields of Drumcree, the British idea was found wanting.

The greatest loss that two decades of direct rule have brought to Northern Ireland is not the physical destruction, the deaths, the unemployment or commercial decay. It is the loss of a new political leadership. There are no new Humes, Trimbles, Paisleys, Adamses, except on a few district councils — councils neutered by Westminster to be no more than Leninist dumas. And since direct rulers carry the burden of compromise, local leaders need only defend group interests, as we saw again this week. For Mr Major to appeal on Monday to something he called "the centre" was plain daft. In political terms, he is the only centre. Direct rule reduces colonial politics to a conflict of extremes.

As for the caravanserai still gathered outside Stormont and known as the "peace process", this has yielded neither peace nor a process. It is what it always was, just another stage on which the old-timers could rehearse their routines. The Government could now send everyone home, but I doubt if it has the courage. The least we might expect is that it will prepare the one policy that makes any sense: abandoning all thought of a power-sharing executive or assembly at Stormont and returning to Northern Ireland's counties and cities the powers enjoyed by English local authorities up to 1979. These must include some tax-raising powers, and responsibility for jobs, housing and services. The outcome would be a mix of Nationalist and Unionist councils, thus dividing responsibility for the government of the province on a geographical basis.

This revival of local democracy is the one political innovation in Northern Ireland that offers any progress, any difference, any lasting contribution to peace. The initiative for this must lie with central government. But the initiative must be sincere. Ulster people must feel that, in voting, they are vesting real power in their local leaders, power to negotiate compromise and so accept responsibility for the outcome.

I find the intellectual collapse of the policy of direct rule not depressing but comforting. It is proof that there is no other route to inter-communal government than through democracy. You cannot order people to be kind to one another, even if you are a British Prime Minister or an American President. They must want it and seek it for themselves through the ballot. All that superior rulers can do is put in place the institutions to make this possible — and then withdraw.

Governors hate withdrawing. They cannot believe that other men, elected by other voters, can be quite so wise or quite so popular as they are. I have listened for years to the apologias of Ulster's direct rulers. It has always been an audition of the arrogance of power. This arrogance is now palpably futile. There is another way.

Back to Edwardian values

The constitution is again at issue, says

Jonathan Clark

No subject of momentous importance could be guaranteed to kill a conversation like the constitution. Architecture, social security, beef, the NHS — all of these can be relied on to enlist popular passions. But the West Lothian question? The voting rights of hereditary peers in the House of Lords? The taxing powers of devolved assemblies? These are not the sort of questions that produce riots in Trafalgar Square.

Yet constitutional issues once did just that. The parliamentary franchise, Home Rule, votes for women, peers versus the people, disestablishment: these were the issues that stirred mass passions and produced political engagement before 1914. So much has happened since that people have forgotten that these problems were never fully solved: they were only postponed while two world wars were fought and the threats of National Socialism and Marxian socialism were seen off. Now that those massive 20th-century intrusions are over, we find ourselves facing Edwardian issues once again. The constitution is about to become a battleground once more, but in a new context.

In the Thatcher years, the running was made by the intellectual issues of the market. Competition, deregulation, privatisation, monetarism formed an interlocking system of ideas, which created the practical conflicts. These ideas were paralleled by the work of historians such as Alan Macfarlane (on the ancient roots of a property-owning democracy) and Martin Wiener (on the alleged Victorian decline of an industrial, entrepreneurial spirit). These were big questions, but not constitutional ones.

In recent years, practical conflicts have arisen on quite different problems. These dots now join up to outline a picture, of which the key features are monarchy, culture, family, morality and religion: in short, national identity. And although these issues lack a Friedrich Hayek as their philosopher and a Keith Joseph as their political prophet, they find opponents in historians from Raphael Samuel on the left to Jeremy Black on the right.

All this now becomes a matter of constitutional debate because, as John Major clearly explained in his speech to the Centre for Policy Studies, the point about constitutional forms is that they embody values. The love affair of the British with their national institutions is no limp romanticism but an appreciation of the way that institutions embody and perpetuate, as well as symbolise, a certain way of doing things.

That is why a predilection for hereditary peers and against high inheritance taxes is an affirmation of family integrity. That is why an established Church is widely endorsed, even by other Christian denominations, as an official acknowledgement that law is more than technical convention. That is also why the national history curriculum has become a potent symbol of society's right corporately to affirm a vision of itself.

The opponents of these practices are right to focus on them. But on the constitution, it is the reformers of Charter 88 who are now the radical individualists. Symbolic demotion of the monarchy, disestablishment, reform of the Lords, easier divorce, resistance to a national curriculum, regional devolution within a federal Europe: all these reflect a view of the omnicompetent individual, divorced from duties, timelessly enjoying rights in a state which is to be devolved into a thousand voluntary communities.

There are no votes in defending hereditary peers, or the established Church, as picturesque anachronisms or interesting exceptions to drab uniformity. There are many votes to be won by any party which can articulate a theory of the constitution that shows how our arrangements, present or proposed, are congruent with a vision of national values. But this is not an intellectual problem in which Marx, Hayek, Friedman or Delors will help us.

The constitutional changes demanded by Labour and the Liberal Democrats would be fundamental and irreversible: in this perception, John Major is correct. His problem will be to persuade enough people of this. His strength is that neither Labour nor the Liberal Democrats have behind them a weight of scholarship or doctrine on the issue: no great philosophers, constitutional lawyers, political scientists or historians have written parts for Tony Blair or Paddy Ashdown to act. John Major's weakness is that the same is nearly true of the Conservatives.

Mr Major's Government has an undervalued record of sensible, incremental adjustment — the changed timing of the Budget, the Nolan reforms, select committees — but this does not make it easier to distinguish its policies from those of other parties, which might similarly be presented as moderate and piecemeal. The Government's task is convincingly to illicit the general principles uniting all fundamental reforms. Here Charter 88 plays into Mr Major's hands. Mr Blair's task is to take one issue at a time, and to define his targets as absurd anomalies.

Yet Mr Blair's is the more difficult problem, since we now witness as powerful a reforming movement as any since the age of the suffragettes. Collectivist Labour was only a phase, and its impact was strangely limited. The real struggles will be over the programme of individualist liberalism. Perhaps, in the long perspective, historians will see the 20th century going out where it came in.

Professor Clark's pamphlet Devolution in Historical Perspective *is published by the Conservative Political Centre.*

Site report

PREPARATIONS for a Labour victory at the next general election are already well under way at the Department for Education and Employment. A memo has been sent round detailing building work that will have to be done in case a blind Secretary of State takes over. This can only refer to David Blunkett, the blind Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

After the Prime Minister's decision to allow Labour to make early contact with the Civil Service, Blunkett was swift to visit the department and meet the Permanent Secretary. Working conditions were a high priority.

Among the suggested improvements to the already very modern building are braille buttons in the lifts, alterations to door-opening systems and accommodation for Blunkett's guide-dog, Lucy.

The work has already attracted much varied comment within the building. Blunkett is evidently chuffed. "None of us want to count our chickens, but it is good to know that the department is preparing for a Labour victory."

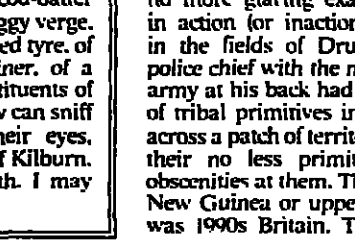
● *Teething troubles continue to plague Martin Guerre, London's big new musical. After frantic rewriting, plot-juggling and middling reviews, it was time on Monday night for the electrics to go. Just 55 minutes into the show, the sound system flunked, the stage went black, and the audience was asked to leave.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Much disgust

FRUITY SCENES gripped Royal Tunbridge Wells yesterday, as the town's famous "disgusteds" made their morning promenade. Outside Waterstone's bookshop, they stumbled upon a man and a young lady apparently overtaken by lust and writhing amorously on the pavement.

At first, passers-by affected a blithe nonchalance, the choked looks of their chihuahuas being the only evidence of surprise. As the couple's intimacies grew ever more intense, however, the police were called forcibly to remove the entangled couple. Receiving the sort of looks that Marie Antoinette cast on hairy-backed peasants, the couple let rip with a cry futile in T.W.: "It's a free country."


ABANDONED BY PRINCESS DIANA PLEASE HELP

● *Gail Lilley, wife of the cherubic Secretary of State for Social Security, is taking her summer holiday seriously. At Jeffrey Archer's bizarre summer party the other night, where she sported a sleeveless dress, a vivid yellow bruise was all too evident on her shoulder. No domestic incident, this. "I've been practising with my husband's shotgun for our shooting holiday in Scotland," she explained. "I don't think I was holding it right."*

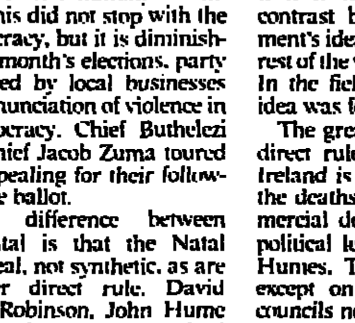
Snapshot

THE PRINCESS of Wales's hopes of shunning the limelight after removing her name from 100 charities may be shortlived. The two members of the royal paparazzi she most abhors are to publish the story of their endless run-ins with the Princess.

From their billet outside Kensington Palace yesterday, Mark Saunders and Glenn Harvey — whose work includes the cellulite file — explained that their book *Dicing with Di* will "give the other side of the Princess."

"Every time she sees us now, she shouts at us," they say. "The whole book is an example of her extraordinary almost schizophrenic behaviour. She uses abusive language to us. We don't understand what her problem is with the press."

Unless, perhaps, it's with the paparazzi.

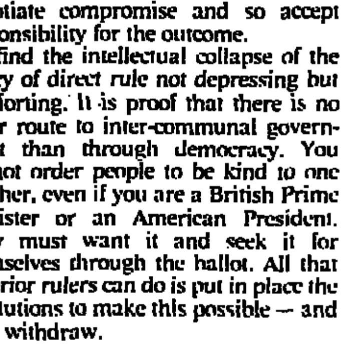


Diana in hiding

● *More from Tara Palmer-Tompkinson, girl of the year and a triumph of hot pants over intellect. She was chatting last week to a group of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party youths, who kept referring to "Sir James's party". Her bangs began to twitch. "Which Goldsmith party is that?" she asked the startled Clearasil squad: "I think I'm supposed to be going."*

Bowing out

ANOTHER royal book in the pipeline purports to reveal the role of the Queen Mother in the abdication crisis. It's a family business: the author is one Jennifer Bowes-Lyon, her cousin, who once worked as a domestic cleaner and who lives in Tel Aviv.



Telling all: Bowes-Lyon

Wallis Simpson: My Life With David is billed as a personal account of the crisis as told to Jennifer's mother Fanny Rose, a confidante of the Duchess of Windsor in later life. "With remarkable honesty she reveals how the ill-feeling between herself and the Queen Mother became a bitter vendetta," says the publisher Smith Gryphon. The manuscript is being scrutinised by lawyers, and publication has been delayed until next year.

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TREASURY 2005

In or out of Emu: how Whitehall sees Britain's future

A central Government role is to prepare for the future. Or, at least, it should be. While ministers have been tumbling from day to day, it is good to read that The Treasury has been looking forward. Today *The Times* publishes extracts from an assessment of the decade ahead by the department that has long seen itself as the heart of government: it is a quintessential piece of mandarinate work, deploying analogies with astronomy and the mediaeval church as well as the 21st-century intricacies of exchange rate policy. It identifies a convincing concept of public administration as well as the historic rival to its approach to Europe — the Foreign and Commonwealth Office across the street.

The formal purpose of the document is disarmingly narrow: what, it asks, is the probable staffing needs of Her Majesty's Treasury in the year 2005? The answer, however, is achieved by panoramic means. In order to reach the final case for keeping 11 staff places that are presently scheduled for eradication, the Treasury team touches upon the economic and political options for virtually all major aspects of public life.

It starts with a cold look at a single currency including eight possible scenarios ranging from earliest possible involvement to maximum feasible avoidance. Encouragingly, it concludes that regardless of any change of government the prospect of this country joining at the outset is under 50 per cent. It notes, however, that regardless of which scenario is proved correct, substantial change in the organisation of economic policy in Britain will occur. More decisions will be made in Europe. Even at home the Treasury will be further from the centre of the Copernican universe. The Bank of England, for example, is expected to have more independence whether or not Britain takes the decision to join the Emu.

After this comes an attempt at estimating future trade flows. Both John Major and Tony Blair devote much of their speeches already to the challenge from Asia. The message for the United Kingdom from the Treasury strongly reinforces this message. If Britain is predominantly a trading partner with stagnant European economies, then its overall standing in the global export league will slide. The EU, expected to have six additional members ten years hence, cannot be relied upon to accept the challenge: Britain will need thinking of its own.

Public spending is the mandarins' mother's milk. Two models are contemplated for a decade hence. The first, though not titled as such by the apolitical politicians of the Treasury, is the Blair option. In this the level of public spending as a proportion of national output is assumed roughly similar to present levels. Conservative Central Office may or may not believe in New Labour; Whitehall plainly does. To achieve what might seem a rather modest aim, however, substantial struggles with spending departments are envisaged.

For its second path the Treasury postulates a "Contract With Britain", along the lines that were so successful electorally for Newt Gingrich and congressional Republicans in the United States. This would presumably have been introduced by a Conservative administration, led by Michael Portillo or John Redwood, which had been returned to power in 2002.

Today Tory ministers tell rightwing critics that substantial shifts in political priorities are impossible. It is useful thus to note how calmly the career bureaucracy can examine the prospects for privatising contributory benefits, roads, and much of the welfare state. This section also includes the striking statement (even more striking for activists for a future Labour government) that "Treasury officials have a high level of commitment to the efficiency of the market mechanism, to neo-classical welfare economics and to the utilitarian ethics on which they are based."

None of this is to suggest that Whitehall runs Britain or that party democracy is irrelevant. Throughout its text differing possibilities are laid out with absolute fairness. What it does suggest is that all political decisions are shaped by received ideas or, to put it more grandly, a philosophy. Tony Blair has shifted the position of the Labour Party more in response to the politics of the practical than to any perception that the nation became more like Lady Thatcher during the 1980s. The Treasury takes its life from that environment: its philosophy is pragmatism above all things.

The British civil service is proud of its permanent nature, political neutrality and incorruptible reputation. Today's Treasury high-fliers call for a Treasury of the future that still attracts those who are "clever, appropriately skilled, have relevant knowledge, experience and remain well motivated" to meet "inevitable uncertainties" ahead. There are, of course, certainties ahead. "A failure to appreciate that others may not share the Treasury values is a weakness. Where the other party is very sophisticated (eg FCO) there is a lot of fencing and frequently a stand-off." Welcome to 2005.

TIBET'S VOICE

China has an obligation to negotiate with the Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama speaks with the voice of reason and conciliation on behalf of one of the world's most systematically and unreasonably persecuted peoples. On that ground alone, he deserves an attentive hearing in Britain this week from Malcolm Rifkind and Robin Cook as well as British MPs. China sharpens interest in the case he has to present with each attempt, through the sort of diplomatic intimidation that was directed against Germany last month and Britain this week, to bar Western doors against the Tibetan leader. China's campaign betrays an insecurity that hardly marries with its claims that Tibet has prospered under Chinese occupation.

These claims wilt under scrutiny. The Han Chinese colonisers of Tibet have indeed prospered from the country's rapid recent modernisation. But high growth has been achieved at unacceptable cost to Tibet's forests and fragile environment; and Tibetans themselves have little part in this prosperity. They are so discriminated against that the Dalai Lama is justified in speaking of "cultural genocide". Repression has intensified since last year, when China abducted Gendun Choekyi Nyima, the young child identified by both the Dalai Lama and the religious search committee in Tibet as the 11th reincarnation of the Panchen Lama. Not only have resulting protests been violently suppressed, but China is abandoning its limited tolerance of Tibetan religion, sanctioned in 1979 by Deng Xiaoping. New laws even ban the display of the Dalai Lama's portrait — the ultimate provocation in this reverent land.

These are all symptoms, as the Dalai Lama said yesterday; the central issue is "colonial rule . . . and resistance to that rule" and cannot be solved by "force, intimidation and population transfer". To save Tibetans from "total annihilation", he is willing to negotiate with Peking on an agenda that "does not include independence" for Tibet. Since Deng Xiaoping, China's highest authority, is on record that "anything except independence can be discussed and resolved", Peking has no case for refusing talks. He appealed yesterday for the outside world's "urgent intervention" to bring China to the table. Britain should give him that support; and remind China that it is merely being asked to live up to its undertakings in 1951 to respect Tibet's autonomy and religion — not to mention the status of the Dalai Lama himself. And since Tibetans consider him their political as well as religious leader, it is high time for Britain, whose pretence that ministers meet him only in his capacity as a religious authority dishonours Tibet without placating the Chinese, openly to acknowledge him as such.

OLD STONES

In history, symbols matter more than science

Facts may be sacred but the sacred should not have to depend on facts. It is reassuring that records released yesterday of an X-ray examination in 1973 prove the Stone of Scone in Westminster Abbey to be authentic; but the exercise while well-meant, was unnecessary. The Stone derives its power not from what it is — a rock — but what it is believed to be — a symbol of Scottish pride.

An age over-obsessed with authenticity should accept that there is a space for symbolism. The real value of a wedding ring lies in the love it embodies not the carat-mark — a plastic hoop is worth more than a band of gold if given from the heart. Her Majesty chose to return the Stone because her ministers hoped to right an historic wrong. Even if the Stone were bogus basalt, what matters is that the intention of Her *Majesty's Government* is genuine. As with gift horses, so with stones: it is better to accept a generously-offered fake than to insist on authentication.

Of course, there are occasions when the strictest of scientific tests should be applied to ancient artefacts. The Rosetta Stone would have been simply another curio for the Cairo souk if it had not faithfully recorded how hieroglyphics could be translated into Greek. An eagerness to take a skull at face value embarrassed the evolutionists who placed their faith in Piltdown man. In their zeal to prove the missing link that demonstrated monkeys descended from their branches to become men the boffins were barking up the wrong tree. Whether in philology or biology, the stringent standards of scientific proof have to be applied when dealing with the past.

But statecraft is an art, not a science. Building a nation is less a matter of social engineering than an exercise in story-telling. Too heavy a reliance on the rational and scientific can make a country crabbed and a nation that enthrones Reason will soon find itself ruled by a tyrant. Britain's greatest constitutional thinker, Walter Bagehot, realised the dangers of judging the symbols of statehood in too narrow a fashion. As with an ancient monarchy, so with slabs of ancient masonry; it is better not to let daylight (or X-ray) in upon magic. No king has to pass scientific tests to establish his suitability to be placed on a throne. The Stone of Destiny does not need such scrutiny to take its rightful place under one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Concern at restructuring plans for BBC World Service

From Baroness David and others

Sir, You and your correspondents have drawn attention to the threat to the World Service posed by the Director-General of the BBC in his proposed restructuring of the Corporation's radio services (leading article, June 15; letters, June 19 and July 5).

In a short debate in the House of Lords on June 27 some of us tried to elicit from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for National Heritage an assurance that there would be no diminution in the quality of the World Service as a result of Mr Birt's changes — introduced, incidentally, without any consultation with his senior staff.

Since then the issues have been fully aired, culminating in the lobby to the House of Commons on July 9, but the danger has not gone away and pressure must be continued on both the Foreign Office and the BBC not to separate the language services of the World Service from the English service and to leave the newsroom and all the World Service English staff intact. They are specialised and dedicated with their knowledge of the needs of their audiences and the demands of differing cultures.

Indeed it would be a pyrrhic victory if, by saving a few thousand pounds, one of Britain's most prestigious institutions is destroyed.

Yours faithfully,
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House of Lords.
July 15.

From Sir Anthony Parsons

Sir, I have read a great deal of convincing criticism in your columns and elsewhere of the proposed reorganisation of the BBC World Service. There seems little doubt that the new structure will be less effective than the existing one.

Between 1952 and 1979, I served as a diplomat in seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa. There is no question that, in terms of information, the World Service is Britain's most powerful source of influence. The foreign language broadcasts obviously reach a wider audience in the countries to which they are directed. But rulers, ministers and top people across the board of national life rely on the World Service for accuracy, impartiality and relevance. Hence any move which weakens it will diminish our influence worldwide.

I have the following questions. Since the Foreign and Commonwealth Office pays for the service, was it fully consulted about the proposed changes? If so, did the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary agree to them and, if so, could it be explained publicly why the present system needed to be changed and how the new structure will be at least as good if not better?

If the FCO was not consulted in advance, why not?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PARSONS,
Highgrove, Ashburton, Devon.
July 13.

From Sir Nicholas Barrington

Sir, I write as one who was responsible at different times for the Foreign Office's relations with the World Service. Resources were always scarce, but with reviews and tough but friendly negotiations we ensured that they were used cost-effectively.

The Foreign Office paid the piper but abstained from trying to influence editorial policy because we recognised, supported by overwhelming evidence from posts abroad, that the World Service in English and the foreign language services of the BBC were of immense value for Britain's interests and reputation overseas. World Service television is also outstandingly influential where it is received.

I am told that Mr John Birt has rarely visited Bush House and shown little interest in the World Service's special skills and achievements. He is meant to be a clever manager, but to alienate practically the whole of the staff of Bush House, as he appears to have done by his recent proposals for integration with the rest of the BBC, announced at short notice with no consultation, is not good management in my book.

We would be crazy to lose the distinctive ethos of the World Service. I wonder to what extent the Foreign Office themselves were consulted about what is, after all, the disposal of their funds. Given limitations on their resources, they may, mistakenly, have felt inhibited about intervening. But Mr Birt cannot be allowed just to ride this one out.

The new Chairman and the BBC Governors, backed by responsible opinion throughout the country, should ensure that recent decisions are reversed.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS BARRINGTON,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
July 12.

From Mrs I. M. E. Ferguson

Sir, A quotation from Nelson Mandela's autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom* (Little, Brown, 1994, p503): "We also had a radio, but one that received only local stations and not what we really wanted: the BBC World Service."

Yours sincerely,
I. M. E. FERGUSON,
18 Homefleet House,
Wellington Crescent,
Ramsgate, Kent.
July 10.

Stone of Scone

From Miss Barbara F. Harvey

Sir, Dr Christopher Wilson believes that the Stone of Scone was given by Edward I as a votive offering to the shrine of St Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey, and Dr Paul Binski's remark that to remove it now would be "like flogging off the relics of a saint" suggests that he agrees (report, July 10). The views of these distinguished medieval historians command respect but may, in this case, give rise to some misgivings.

In the Middle Ages, gifts to a church were customarily in the form of gifts to the saint of the church in question, but this does not mean that every such offering possessed the inviolability of a relic. If, therefore, the Stone of Scone was given to St Edward, it would not necessarily have possessed at the time, and would not possess now, the inviolability of the relics that were normally kept at a shrine.

If it was a votive offering one can only be surprised that this gift did not enter the collective memory of the monks of Westminster. Yet, as far as I am aware, this did not happen.

It is to be hoped that the views of Dr Wilson and Dr Binski will not divert attention from the overwhelmingly strong argument for allowing the Stone to remain in its present place, namely the fact that it has been in the Abbey for 700 years.

The advice given to Her Majesty the Queen that this association be now broken violates something quite as precious to most people as the relics of a saint: it violates our common past.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BARBARA F. HARVEY,
66 Cranham Street, Oxford.
July 12.

From Miss M. Lemon-Peacock

Sir, May I say how wholeheartedly I agree with the views expressed by the two distinguished medieval historians, who wish to see the Stone of Scone remain at Westminster Abbey.

The proposed return of the Stone to Scotland is, in my view, a vain and hollow gesture.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET LEMON-PEACOCK,
23a Woodlands Park Road,
Greenwich, SE10.
July 10.

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

Sir, Dr Christopher Wilson, of University College London, opposes the removal of the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey, stating that nowhere else in Europe is there such a combination of relic and tomb and shrine, and that "All the royal tombs in France were destroyed during or soon after the revolution".

This is simply not true. St Denis Abbey in Paris contains a truly magnificent series of tombs of the French monarchs and other royal nobles, from the 13th-century tomb of the reburied Dagobert I (who died in AD 639) onwards, including the superb Renaissance tomb of François I.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HINTON
(Art historian),
1 Northmoor Place, Oxford.
July 10.

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Animal welfare

From the Chief Charity Commissioner

Sir, In view of recent correspondence on the membership and activities of the RSPCA (letters, July 1, 8, 11) it may be helpful to restate the position concerning the Charity Commission's advice to that charity.

The commission has not said that the RSPCA may not campaign on animal welfare issues (Dr Richard Ryder's letter, July 8). We have, on the contrary, confirmed that, provided it keeps within our guidelines on political activities and campaigning, it may campaign on these issues. What we have sought to clarify with the RSPCA are the limitations which are imposed on charities which operate in this field and which flow from charitable status, namely that they may not campaign against practices which are to the benefit of human beings even though involving suffering for animals. The RSPCA has confirmed that it accepts that the law lays down this limitation.

On the particular issue of hunting it is open to the RSPCA to argue that hunting involves unnecessary suffering on the basis that, where it is necessary to control numbers, other more humane methods exist. This must however be based on reasoned argument and evidence, not on the personal viewpoint or emotions of members.

On the membership of the RSPCA, we have considered the question of whether certain restrictions which it imposed were consistent with its own rules. We formed the view that the charity could not continue to impose such constraints under the existing membership provisions.

The RSPCA has now proposed an amendment to the membership provisions arising out of a resolution passed at its recent AGM (report, July 1). We have had a preliminary meeting with representatives of the charity on that issue. Further discussion will be necessary before we can reach a final decision.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. FRIES,
Chief Charity Commissioner,
Charity Commission,
St Alban's House,
57/60 Haymarket, SW1.
July 15.

MPs' pay increase

From Mr John Timms

Sir, Surely, the point that should be made in respect of MPs awarding themselves a 26 per cent salary increase (letters, July 10, 12, 16) is not whether they deserve their new salaries — personally, I feel they may have a good case — but that, by privilege and personal authority, they have indulged themselves whilst, at the same time, they continue to reject the possibly more legitimate claims of pensioners and low-paid public-sector workers.

Yours,
JOHN TIMMS,
39 East Trinity Road, Edinburgh 5.

From Mr Paul Leigh-Morgan

Sir, I understand a prominent concern addressed by the increase in MPs' salaries is the need to attract a higher calibre of applicant in the future. Can we take it therefore that the present incumbents will not be offering themselves for re-election?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL LEIGH-MORGAN,
2 Chequers Court,
Swavesey, Cambridge.
July 11.

From Mr Charles Davis

Sir, Was it truly pure coincidence that George Orwell should feature in your columns ("Orwell was recruited to fight Soviet propaganda", report, July 11) the very morning after the pigs voted for seconds?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES DAVIS,
89 Conwy Road,
Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.
July 11.

Airline competition

From Mr Mark H. Levy

Sir, Your remarks on airline competition [leading article, July 9; also letters, July 10, 11] are well aimed. I have been travelling by air between Manchester and Belfast long enough to have seen monopoly give way to competition and, regrettably, back again.

It was delightful to see how the introduction of another service to Belfast City (Harbour) enabled British Airways to find a way of providing its customers with a newspaper, a cold breakfast, then a hot breakfast and eventually a ticket price to match those on offer elsewhere.

BA has now seen off its rivals on this route. The result? A 12 per cent increase in the cost of my journey between February and June 1996.

Yours faithfully,
MARK H. LEVY
(Managing Director),
Gaumont Watch Co, Ltd,
Gaumont House,
Stanley Grove,
Northwich, Cheshire.
July 10.

Question of degree

From Dr Malcolm Taylor

Sir, In my opinion, the biggest single factor contributing to grade inflation in degree classification [leading article, July 1; letters, July 12] has been the gradual drift away from formal examinations towards continuous assessment and coursework.

In some subjects and institutions this drift has been so total that it is now possible to gain an honours degree from a British university without ever having to sit a single examination. Virtually all students perform better at this method of academic evaluation.

The true guarantee of standards, in my view, would be to separate the teaching and examining functions within a university. All subjects would be taught to the equivalent of a national curriculum and all testing procedures would be set and examined by an external body.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM TAYLOR,
12 Salisbury Way,
Astley, Manchester 29.
July 2.

Common law and Royal Highnesses

From Mr Michael Thornton

Sir, It is wrong in my view to suggest, as have some commentators, that the Princess of Wales is to be "stripped" of the title, Her Royal Highness.

This is a fundamental misconception of the legal position. On ceasing to be the wife of a Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales automatically loses this rank, as in the recent case of the Duchess of York.

Much of the present confusion arises from an unsafe precedent, in 1937, when King George VI, in issuing letters patent to create the Dukedom of Windsor for his brother, the former King Edward VIII, was claimed by his advisers to be "recreating" the Duke a Royal Highness.

This was wholly without justification, since the Duke held that rank already by birth as the son, grandson and great-grandson of British sovereigns. The device was employed in order to prevent the Duchess of Windsor from assuming the style of Royal Highness, which was hers by common law — an action subsequently regarded by most historians as illegal under the constitution. The letters patent of 1937 are, in fact, now known by lawyers as "the Depriving Act".

In spite of these circumstances it is still a clear option for the Queen to create the Princess of Wales a Royal Highness in her own right, with a rank and precedence that does not depend upon that of her former husband. Given the outstanding quality of the public work performed by the Princess, the undoubted affection in which she is held and the fact that she is the mother of a future British king, it is to be regretted that the Queen has not been advised to do this.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL THORNTON,
c/o Dinah Wiener Ltd,
27 Arlington Road, NW1.
July 16.

From Dr A. W. McKenzie

Sir, In their adherence to titles which indicate degrees of Highness and Graciousness, the Royal Family relies on the bemused tolerance of the people.

However, that passivity undergoes strain with your July 13 headline "Princess will lose HRH style . . .", and many must feel that it represents an unkind demotion of the mother of a future king of the United Kingdom. Strangely, HRH The Prince of Wales is required to make no such atonement through the lessening of his titles of nobility, in spite of his admission of misdeeds.

Perhaps it is all a matter of expediency. After August 28, when the divorce becomes final, the prefix of HRH The Princess of Wales will move into the Situations Vacant category.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. McKENZIE,
50 Bracondale, Norwich, Norfolk.
July 13.

Lincoln impasse

From Miss Selina McGeoch

Sir, In the Judgment of Solomon (I Kings iii) it was the real mother who gave up her legitimate claim to the baby and the false claimant who wished rather to see it sacrificed than appear to be the impostor.

Since the self-sacrifice of the true mother has lived in history for nearly three thousand years, giving her undying honour, I am surprised that no one has yet reported seeing two cassocked figures racing to the postbox, clutching letters of resignation tightly to their bosom, through the cathedral close in Lincoln [letters, July 10, 16].

Yours faithfully,
SELINA McGEOCH,
Kirk Deighton House,
Main Street, Kirk Deighton,
Wetherby, North Yorkshire.
July 10.

Dyslexic drivers

From Mr Michael Harman

Sir, I sympathise with dyslexics who may find the new written part of the driving test difficult (article, Car 96, July 6). The condition we are told:

> goes far beyond poor reading and writing skills. It affects eye, hand and foot co-ordination and often features short-term memory deficits. People with dyslexia also find it hard to cope with too many instructions at once and often cannot distinguish between left and right.

Should we really be introducing special arrangements to make it easier for people with this condition — a registrable disability — to be given the right to drive freely?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HARMAN,
Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road,
Camberley, Surrey.
July 8.

Winning formula

From Mrs Linda M. Swindlehurst

Sir, I would like to offer Mr Schumacher (report, Sport, July 15) the loan of my Metro for his next grand-prix outing. It may not be as fast as his Ferrari but at least it gets my son and me to Tesco and back without breaking down.

I remain, etc,
L. SWINDLEHURST,
14 Cromer Road,
St Anne's on Sea, Lancashire.
July 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 16: The Governor of Montserrat was received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Veiccoh Nghiwete and Mrs Nghiwete were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Namibia in London.

His Excellency Dr A.F.M. Yusuf was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh in London.

Major Albert Smith was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party *in the Garden of Buckingham Palace* to mark the Centenary of the Royal Victorian Order.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Welsh Guards and the Army Air Corps played *selections of music during the* afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, earlier attended the Quarterly Court Meeting, followed by Luncheon, at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

His Royal Highness, President, King George's Fund for Sailors, this evening attended the Ascot Charity Raceday Auction Dinner at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London W8.

The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) Called Upon the Governor-General of Tuvalu and Lady Manuella at St James's Court Hotel, *London SW1, this morning* and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

The Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, *London*, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Iceland and welcomed Her Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Camoys (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Jay (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, today.

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 16: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel James Tanner upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion.

His Royal Highness, Patron, took the Salute this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 16: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended the Animal Health Trust/Delta Society dinner at the Cherokee Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 16: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, this morning visited the 2nd Battalion at Seria.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, afterwards *visited members of 7 Flight.*

The Prince of Wales later attended a live firing attack mounted by members of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles.

His Royal Highness this evening left Brunei for the United States of America.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary President, The British Museum Development Trust, was present this evening at the Annual Dinner for Patrons and other friends of the Museum, at the British Museum, London WC1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 16: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, attended the Cambridge Graduates' Club of St Bartholomew's Hospital and the Royal London Hospital's Dinner at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Birthdays today

Sir Hardy Amies, fashion designer, 87; Dame Joyce Anelay, vice-chairman, Conservative Party National Union, 49; Mr Richard Barker, former Headmaster, Sevenoaks School, 57; Mr Hartley Booth, MP, 50; Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, actor, 56; Sir Alan Cottrell, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 77; Mr William Etherington, MP, 55; Mr Raymond Galton, scriptwriter, 66; Baroness Gardner of Parkes, 69; Mr W. Gordon Graham, publisher, 76; Mr John Greetham, regional chairman, NHS Executive Northern and Yorkshire Region, 57; Mr Eric Hammond, trade unionist, 67; Mr Peter Hardy, MP, 65; Mr J.M. Harper, former deputy managing director, BT, 66; Sir William Henderson, former president, Zoological Society of London, 83; Sir William Heseltine, former Private Secretary to the Queen, 66; Lord Lane, former Lord Chief Justice, 78; the Right Rev D.R. Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, 66; Mr Joe McNally, founding managing director, Compaq Computer UK, 53; Mr John Patten, MP, 51; Dr Marjorie Reeves, historian, 91; Mr Andrew Robathan, MP, 45; the Marqués de Samaranch, president, International Olympic Committee, 76; Mr Peter Sissons, broadcaster, 54; Mr Wayne Sleep, dancer, actor and choreographer, 48; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson, former Deputy Master of the Household, 67; Sir Kenneth Stowe, civil servant, 69; Mr Donald Sutherland, actor, 61; Mr Bob Taylor, cricketer, 55; His Honour Sir David West-Russell, 75; Mr P.D.V. Wilkes, Headmaster, Cheltenham College, 55; Mr Terrel Wyatt, former chairman, Costain Group, 69.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will preside at the annual meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, followed by a luncheon, at St James's Palace at 11; and will visit the Albert Memorial, *Kensington Gore, at 3.40.*

Princess Margaret, as President of The Royal Ballet, will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre at 7.55pm.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the East of England show, East of England Showground, Peterborough, at 11.

The Duke of Kent will open the new technology suite at the City School, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, at 11; will open a new control system at the Lincolnshire Ambulance and National Health Service Transport Trust, Cross O'Cliff Court, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, at noon; will open the new St Peter's Early Years Centre, Earlesfield Lane, Grantham, at 2.30. As Grand Master of the Order of St Michael and St George will attend a reception at the *Foreign and Commonwealth Office*, London, SW1, at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

DAVID LOH

The Prince of Wales meeting families of Gurkhas stationed in Brunei yesterday after he had trekked into the rainforest to watch a demonstration of Gurkha jungle survival techniques. The Prince later left for America

Memorial service

Lord Jay

The Queen was represented by Lord Camoys at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Jay held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated and the prayers were led by the the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor.

The Hon Mrs Catherine Boyd, daughter, read the lesson. The Hon Martin Jay, son read from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, and the Hon Mrs Helen Pennant-Rea, daughter, read Thomas Hardy's *"Beeny Cliff"*. Miss Claudia Jay, Miss Amanda Kennard, Miss Juliet Kennard, Miss Rachel Boyd and the Hon Tamsin Jay, grandchildren, read from Matthew Arnold's *The Scholar-Gipsy*. The Hon Peter Jay, son, paid tribute and Mr Peter Shore, MP, gave an address.

The Lord Chancellor, the Speaker, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and the Secretary of State for National Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, attended. The Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service was represented by Mr Michael Scholar . Among others present were:

Lady Jay (widow), the Hon Mrs Peter Jay and Dr the Hon Sandra Jay (daughters-in-law), Mr R Pennant-Rea and Mr Stewart Boyd (sons-in-law), Patrick Jay, Nicholas Tustian, Miss Tabitha Jay, Mr *Adam Jay, Mr Edward Pennant-*Rea, Mr and Mrs Sheldon Gordon, Mr Matthew Boyd and Hannah Boyd (grandchildren), Mr Rory Pennant-Rea, Emily Pennant-Rea (step grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Hugh Thomas (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs A D H Jay (sister-in-law), Mrs Peggy Jay, Professor and Mrs Sebastian Lucas, Mr Caspar Lucas, Miss Flora Lucas, Mr and Mrs Michael Jay, Mr and Mrs J R Free.

The Earl of Ferrers, the Earl and Countess of Longford, the Earl of Sandwich, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Viscount Tonypandy, Lord Aldington, Lord Barnett, Lord Beloff, Baroness Birk, Lord Blaker, Lord Blease, Lord Borrie, QC, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Bruce of Donington, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan, Lord Carter, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, and Lady Cledwyn.

Lord Clinton-Davis, Baroness David, Lord Diamond, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Dormand of Easington, Lord Dubs, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord Finsberg, Lord Gallacher, Lord Glenamara, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Hacking, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lady Hayter, Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Howell, Baroness Jay of Paddington, Lord *Jenkins of Hillhead, OM*, Lord and Lady Judd, Baroness Lockwood, Baroness Mallalieu, QC, Lord Mason of Barnsley, Lord Mayhew, Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Lord Milne, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Mishcon.

Lord Peston, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Lord Richard, QC, Lord Roll of Ipsden, Baroness Serota, Lord Shaw of Northstead, Lord Sherfield, FRS, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, Lord Strabolgi, Baroness Strange, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, and Lady Thomson, Lord Tugendhat, Lord Varley, Lord Wilberforce, Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord Wyatt of Weeford.

Mr Tony Benn, MP, Mr John Biffen, MP, Mr Donald Dewar (Opposition Chief Whip), Mr Tim *Eggar, MP, Dr John Gilbert, MP*, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, Mr Michael Morris, MP, Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, and Mrs Sheldon, Sir Edward du Cann, Mr Aubrey Jones, the Hon Roland Moyle.

Lady Felicity Harwood, Sir Robin Williams, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Richard Body, MP, and Lady Body, Sir Samuel Brittan, Sir Julian and Lady Bullard, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Alex and Lady Cairncross, Sir Peter Carey, Lady Mallalieu, Sir Roger Moate, MP, Sir Jeremy Morse, Sir Patrick *Neill, QC*, and *Lady Neill, Sir* William Nicoll, Dame Simone Prendergast, Sir Peter and Lady Parker, Sir Patrick and Lady Reilly, Sir Robert and Lady Rhodes James, Sir David Serpell, Sir Robert Wade-Gery.

Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr John Bowis, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Mr William Cash, MP, and Mrs Cash, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr Doug Hoyle, MP, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr Max Madden, MP, Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, Mr *Giles Radice, MP, Mrs Barbara* Roche, MP, Mr Barry Sheerman, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, Mr Jack Straw, MP, and Miss Alice Perkins.

Councillor A J Belton, Dr Margaret Bent, Professor Timothy Besley, Mr and Mrs Claud Bicknell, Judge Paul Clark, Professor Penelope J Corfield, Dr S M Cretney, Mr E P Deakins, Professor and Mrs Michael Dummett, Mr and Mrs Robert Franklin, Mr and Mrs Peter Fraser, Mr Geoffrey Goodman, Mr John Graham, Mr F Graham-Harrison, Dr and Mrs S J D Green, Mr *Michael Hart, Mr David Harvey*, Professor Peter Hennessy, Mr and Mrs Harry V Hodson, Professor Tony Honoré, Mr William Hughes, Mr R C C Hunt, Professor J C M Hunt, Mr G G Jay, Mr and *Mrs R D Kennard, Mr Jeremy* Lever, Mrs C E Lewis, Dr and Mrs Ian Little, Miss Amanda McDowell, Mr Scott Mandelbrote.

Mr Benedict Meynell, Professor Tom Meade, Mrs James Meade, Mr John Mills, Professor Kenneth Morgan, Professor Edward *Mortimer*, Dr Alastair Niven, Mrs S Norris, Professor Ben Pimlott, Mr I de L Radice, Mr Brian Rathbone, Mr Malcolm Reid, Mr Christopher Roberts, Mr John Robins and Dr P R Morison, Mr and Mrs Michael Sayers, Mr John Smoker.

Mr James Stephenson, Professor Hugh Stephenson, Mr J T Stewart, Mr Michael Stewart, Dr and Mrs Anthony Storr, Mr Richard Stott, Mr M L Tait, Professor J S Vickers, Mrs K van Praag, Mr and Mrs Gordon Wasserman, Mr Michael Wilson.

Dr John Davis (Warden, All Souls College, Oxford) with Dr Roger Hood (Sub-Warden), Dr John Bailey (Bursar) and Mrs Bailey and other past and present members of the college; Mr W H Dove (Attlee Foundation), Mr and Mrs David Thorpe, Mr and Mrs Mark Cornwall-Jones, Ms Dorothy O'Donnell and Ms Jan Tomlinson (Battersea Churches and Chelsea Housing Trust).

Mr and Mrs Simon Sturgis (Churchill Memorial Concerts Committee), Ms Dianne Hayter (chief executive, European Parliamentary Labour Party), Mr and Mrs J J Fallon (Gallipoli Association), Mr Edward Barber (treasurer, Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign), Dr Harvey McGregor (Warden, New College Oxford), Mr Anthony Howard (*The Times*). Mr Peter Robinson (director, Trades Union Committee for European and Tansatlantic Understanding), Mr Paul Beckwith (Minster Lovell Cricket Club), and many other friends.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

COMMANDER: C Allwood to *Shrivenham, June 6; R G Anderson* to MoD London, December 20; R J Crick to Staff of Fost Devonport, January 17, 1997; R Farrington to MoD London, June 6; S A George to BDS Washington, January 17, 1997; D R Hyslop to DGSS Bristol, September 3; A J Kavanagh to Temeraire, January 10, 1997; A J Norton to Italy, November 8; M R Sewry to MoD London, January 10, 1997.

SURGEON COMMANDER: J H Gabb to Fearless, November 11.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): M R C Gall to CTCRM, September 10.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: I P Somervaille, September 30.

COMMANDER: J Paton, September 28.

Receptions

The Hawthornden Prize

The Hawthornden Prize for Literature for 1996, which has been awarded to Hilary Mantel for her novel *An Experiment in Love*, was presented to her yesterday by Mr Ferdinand Mount, Editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, at a reception held at the National Portrait Gallery. Lord Quinton was the chairman of the judges.

British Safety Council

Mr James Tye, Director General of the British Safety Council, was the host at a reception at Armourers' Hall last night for the British Safety Council Five Star safety awards.

Service dinner

RASC and RCT

The committee and members of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club entertained Mr Bill Gates at a luncheon held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided. Major-General P. Blunt, president, was among the guests.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Anthony Nelson, Minister for Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Maqbool bin Ali Sultan, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Oman.

United & Cecil Club

Mr Ian Lang, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United & Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir Sydney Chapman, MP. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Mr Oliver Lodge also spoke.

Appointments

Mr Bill Woodrow, the sculptor, to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery for a five-year period.

Legal

Judge John Main, QC, to be part-time President of the Transport Tribunal.

Mr Peter Henry Clarke, a fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, to be a full-time member of the Lands Tribunal from September 2.

Deputy lieutenants

The following are appointed deputy lieutenants for Aberdeenshire: Mrs Nicola Bradford, John Alexander Campbell Don, the Hon Malcolm Nigel Forbes, Master of Forbes, and Mrs Bridget Rosemary Zilla Tuck.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E. Alexander
and Miss C.L. Baldwin

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Ronald Alexander, of St Andrews, Scotland, and Mrs Rosemary Dobry, of Stoneacre, Kent, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mrs Jeannie Hollebone, of Noss Mayo, Devon, and Mr Michael Baldwin, of Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Mr M.S. Cartlich
and Miss L. Patterson

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Cartlich, of Ealing, London, and Lynda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Patterson, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr I.D. Fleming
and Miss D.M.P. Parry de Winton

The engagement is announced between Iain David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Fleming, of Edinburgh, and Davidona Mary Patricia, daughter of the late Mr *Nicholas Parry* de Winton and of Madam Farquharson of Invercauld, and stepdaughter of Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson of Invercauld, MC.

Mr B. Jameson
and Miss N. Daintry

The engagement is announced between Barnaby, elder son of Mr and Mrs Conrad Jameson, of Avenue Studios, *London SW3*, and Natasha, daughter of Captain Garry Daintry, of Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11, and Mrs Nicholas Freeman, of Egerton Terrace, London SW3.

Mr R.K. Mannix
and Miss J.M.A. Grose

The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Edward A. Mannix and of Mrs Eleanor Mannix, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn Grose, of Thurlestone, South Devon.

Mr P.H. Mitchell
and Miss S.E. McLeod

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Mitchell, of Pershore, Worcestershire, and Sandra Elizabeth, daughter of the late Euan McLeod and of Mrs Patricia McLeod, of Chorleywood, Herts.

Mr T.G. Sykes
and Miss J. Napier

The engagement is announced between Toby, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Sykes, of London, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and *Mrs John Napier, of Kew, Surrey.*

Major E.A. Smyth-Osbourne
and Miss L.H. Turner

The engagement is announced between Edward Alexander Smyth-Osbourne, The Life Guards, only son of Mr and Mrs William Smyth-Osbourne, of 29 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Lucy Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Turner, of Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

Marriages

Lieutenant Commander A.L. Coles, RN,
and Miss E. MacCaw

The marriage took place quietly, yesterday, of Lieutenant Commander Andrew Coles, RN, and Miss Emma MacCaw.

Mr L.H.M. Morris
and Miss A.E. Oppenheimer

*The marriage took place on Sat*urday at The Church of The Ascension, Burghclere, Hampshire, of Mr Hugo Morris, youngest son of the late Mr Richard Morris and of Mrs Richard Morris, of London, to Miss Arabella Oppenheimer, youngest daughter *of Mr Anthony Oppenheimer*, of Burghclere, Hampshire, and Mrs Frederick Barker, of Highworth, Wiltshire. The Rev Carl Le Prevost officiated and Dom Daniel Rees *gave an address.*

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ilona Guest, Chloe King, Megan Pudney, Alice Reid, Adam Beesley, William Powell-Brett and George Simon. Mr Rupert Morris was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr G. Wilson
and Miss E.K. Lloyd

The marriage took place on Friday, July 12, 1996, at St John the Baptist, Cirencester Parish Church, Gloucestershire, of Mr Graeme Wilson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ray Wilson, of Johannesburg, South Africa, to Miss Kate Lloyd, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd, of Cirencester. Canon Hedley Ringrose, Vicar of Cirencester, *officiated.*

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrea del Sarto, painter, Florence, 1486; John Jacob Astor, fur trader, Waldorf, Germany, 1763; Shmuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel laureate 1966, Buczacz, Galicia (now Poland), 1888; Earl Stanley Gardner, detective story writer, Malden, Massachusetts, 1889; James Cagney, actor, New York, 1899; Christina Ellen Stead, novelist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1902.

DEATHS: Janet Douglas, Lady Glamis, burnt at the stake, Edinburgh, 1537; Adam Smith, economist, Edinburgh, 1790; Charlotte Corday, assassin of Jean-Paul Marat, executed, Paris, 1793; Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey, Prime Minister 1832-4, Alnwick, Northumberland, 1845; John Lingard, Roman Catholic historian, Hornby, Lancashire, 1851; Alvaro Obregón, President of Mexico 1920-24, assassinated, Mexico City, 1928; James McNeill Whistler, painter, London, 1903; Jules-Henri Poincaré, French statesman, Paris, 1912; George William Russell (A.E.), writer, Bournemouth, 1935; Draza Mihajlovic, leader of Yugoslav Chetniks, executed, Belgrade, 1946; Billie Holiday, jazz singer, New York, 1959.

Thomas Saint of London patented the first sewing machine, 1790.

Punch was first published, 1841.

The Potsdam Conference, headed by Churchill (later, Attlee), Truman and Stalin, opened, 1945.

Lecture

Wellington Society

Mr Arthur D. McG. Steele delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman of the society, presided.

Vintners' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Vintners' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr T J Hood; Upper Warden, Mr F C D Berry Green; Renter Warden, Mr P E Cooper; Swan Warden Mr A J Buchanan.

Brighton College

The Council of Brighton College are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Anthony Seldon, MA, PhD, FRHistS, MBA, as Headmaster from September 1997. He will succeed Mr John Leach, who will be retiring after ten distinguished years at the College. Dr Seldon's previous appointments have been at Whitgift, Tonbridge and St Dunstan's College, where he is currently Deputy Headmaster.

Inner Temple

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"What is the kingdom of God like?" Jesus continued. "To what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew to be a tree and the birds came to roost among its branches.
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BIRTHS

BORAIKO - Gillian on 12th July at The Portland Hospital to Carl, Karyn, Cassie and Eliza. Well done!

BRISCOE - On 11th July at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Jonathan and Cherie, a son, William Edward.

DANIEL - On July 15th in Washington DC, to Laura (née Papi) and James, a daughter, Sofia Isabella.

GUERITZ - On July 16th in Switzerland, to Deborah (née Linwood) and Guy, a son, Edward Frederick.

HOWIESON - To Robert and Karen, a beautiful daughter, Amy Elizabeth Mackenzie at 5 pm on 15th July 1996.

MILLER - On July 9th 1996, to Gina (née MacRae) and James, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Sophie and James.

OGILVIE - On 5th July 1996, to Georgina (née Paravicini) and Alexander, a son Edward, a brother for Nicholas.

PEACOCK POCHIN - On July 14th, to Jayne and John, a son.

PEARCE - On 10th July at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Virginia (née Miller) and Gareth, a daughter, Oonagh Leonora Florence (Leonora), a sister to Caroline, Emma and Davina.

RICHARDSON - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Tricia and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Sarah Ellen, a sister for William.

RICHARDSON - On Friday July 12th, to Katharine (née Batten) and Charles, a son, Hamish Charles, a brother and friend to Buchan.

RICHARDSON - On July 14th, to Caroline (née Windeler) and Nigel, a son, James Sebastian.

VICKERS - On July 13th, to Rowena and Colin, a son, Edward Peter.

DEATHS

BACH - Henry in hospital on 15th July aged 78 after a long illness, borne with dignity. Much loved husband of Madeleine, father of Alan and Yvette. Funeral 1 pm Thursday 18th July at Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery, Edgware. Flowers may be sent to M.M. Broad & Son, 12 Woodside Lane, London, N12, tel: (0181) 441 6047.

BASTIDE - William Edgar (Bill) suddenly on 10th July. Beloved husband of the late Margaret, father and father-in-law of Derek, Susan and Judith and grandfather of Daniel and Helen. Funeral Service at St Jude's Church, Southsea on Friday, July 19th at 2.15 pm. Enquiries to Barrells (01705) 824831.

BURKE - Erica (née Lloyd-Jones, formerly Woolley). Peacefully on July 12th at Uppingham, Rutland. Beloved wife of Denis, much loved mother to Martin, John, James, Richard and Susan, greatly missed by fifteen grandchildren. Funeral Service in Belton (family and village only) at 12 noon on Monday July 22nd, followed by interment privately. Date of Thanksgiving Service in Uppingham to be announced.

CLARK - Edna. Widow of John Clark. Suddenly at home. Sadly missed by all her family. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Beaumaris, on Friday 19th July at 11am. Enquiries to J.O. Williams, 1 Rose Hill, Beaumaris, Anglesey.

COMBIE - Betty Muriel on July 11th peacefully at Joydale, wife of the late Francis (Ginger), dearly loved aunt and great-aunt. Deaconess formerly at St Matthew's, Brixton. Will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral Service on Friday 19th July at 12.15 pm at St Matthew's, Brixton. Donations if wished to the Stroke Association, Whitecross Street, EC1Y 8JJ. Enquiries to Edmund & Sons on (0171) 978-8154.

COX - Jane (née Falle) on 14th July 1996, peacefully after illness at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, beloved wife of Peter, mother of Richard and Ian. Funeral service prior to cremation at Le Foulon Chapel on Thursday 18th July at 2.30pm. Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Sark, on Saturday 20th July at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Mr R.W. Foote, Les Sapins, Rue du Frie Plaidy, Castel, or to Professor Saint Fund, c/o Midland Bank, Sark.

EDWARDES JONES - George on 11th July 1996, peacefully in hospital after a fall. Beloved husband of Mary and father of John and Patricia. Funeral Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst on Monday 22nd July at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

ERSKINE - Marjora at home, in Swinton on July 15th 1996 in her 97th year. Widow of Major General Ian Erskine and mother of John Swinton, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel on Tuesday July 23rd at 11.45 am. There will be a Memorial Service in Swinton Kirk on a date to be announced.

FRASER - Arthur Thomas (Arch). Died peacefully on 14th July at Nuffield House, Bournemouth aged 80. Treasured and devoted husband to Marie and much loved father who will be sadly missed. Funeral Friday 19th July 2 pm. Flowers to Bournemouth Crematorium.

FRASER-ALLEN - Joanna (formerly Peterson/Kobrak) passed away 12th July 1996. We love you and you will always be with us. From your family xx

HAGGETT - Pat peacefully on July 14th. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane, London SW15, on Monday July 22nd at 12 noon. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Son, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London SW14 7PR.

HALLETT - Elizabeth Margaret on Sunday 14th July in St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, after severe illnesses so courageously borne. Beloved sister of Mary. Her friendship meant much to so many. Cremation at Islington Crematorium at 1pm Monday 22nd July. No flowers please. Donations if wished to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney, E8.

HALL - Richard Ward Hall M.A. On 13th July 1996. Exeter College, Oxford 1935-38. Senior English Master at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol (QEH) from 1939-82. Retired. Late of Formby, Merseyside. Further enquiries please to Moister's, tel: (01704) 501501.

HARDING - Gerald O'Brien aged 72 of Bentworth suddenly on July 13th. Loving father of Christopher and Sarah and grandfather of Emma. Funeral Service to take place on Monday July 22nd at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Bentworth. Family flowers only but donations, if you wish, to R.N.L.I. c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants, GU34 1LG, tel: (01420) 563218.

HOHLER - Jacqueline, widow of Thomas Astell Hohler, peacefully at home on July 13th 1996. Funeral at Wolverton on Friday 19th July at 11 am. Flowers to Camp Hopson F/D, Northbrook Street, Newbury, tel: (01635) 522210.

HOUSTON - Allan James after a brave fight against cancer, died peacefully on July 13th aged 73 in the presence of his family. He will be sorely missed by his beloved wife Norma, his devoted family and many friends. Funeral Service to be held at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday 22nd July at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The League of Friends, Michael Sobell House, Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN.

KING - George Basil aged 95, beloved husband of Ethne of St Chad's Lodge, Ampleforth Abbey, died July 15th 1996. Funeral at St Benedict's Church, Ampleforth Village, at 11 am on Thursday July 18th. No flowers please but any donations to St Benedict's, Ampleforth Village. R.I.P.

LEYLAND - William James on 13th July 1996 at Edenbridge Cottage Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Mairead, loved and loving father of Alison and Alastair. Cremation at 1 pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday 19th July, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 3 pm at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Edenbridge, Kent. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to CHSA/Stroke, CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

MACK - Mary Ursula (Molly) peacefully at Manor Barn Nursing Home, Chichester on 14th July 1996 aged 97 years. Service Lady Chapel, Chichester Cathedral Monday 22nd July at 12 noon followed by burial in Chichester Cemetery. Flowers to Edward White & Son, 5, South Pallant, Chichester (01243) 782136.

MEREDITH - Doctor Terence Roy B.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.R.C.O.G., M.R.C.G.P. on Friday 12th July 1996 aged 46 years, after a courageous fight against heart disease a dearly loved husband of *Deborah, father of Rebecca*, Rachel and Thomas, grandfather of Lilli, son of Irene and brother of Patricia. A kind caring and thoughtful man both personally and professionally. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Born in 1950 in Stoke-on-Trent, educated at Oxford University and qualified at John Radcliffe Infirmary. He joined Cedars Surgery Maidenhead as a G.P. in 1980. Funeral Service Friday 19th July at Slough Crematorium at 10am. No flowers. Enquiries *Re:* Donations c/o F.G. Pymm & Son Tel: (01628) 23822.

MONICO - Christian. On Thursday 11th July, in Los Angeles. Motorbike. Husband to Alison, father of Harry, brother of Allegra and James, stepson to Anna, son of Martin and Martina. Well beloved.

OATTS - Suddenly at home, on 15th July 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Manners Oatts, formerly of The Highland Light Infantry and The Royal Highland Fusiliers, beloved husband of Bridget and much loved father of Alasdair, Fiona and Elizabeth and grandfather of six. Funeral Service will take place at Kilmelford Church, By Oban, Argyll on Friday, 19th July 1996 at 1 pm, thereafter to Kilninver Cemetery, to which all friends are respectively invited. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu may be sent to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA.

RICHARDS - Leslie Joseph, peacefully in his sleep on July 15th 1996, aged 81 years. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family flowers only, donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, c/o John D. Andrews & Son, 119 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, S. Devon, tel: (01548) 852997.

RITSON - Ursula Mary Robens suddenly on 12th July in King's College Hospital, beloved wife of the late Gerald Ritson, formerly Captain Royal Marines, loving mother to Clare and Tessa and stepmother to Charles, Bill and James. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Friday 19th July at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the RSPCA through the funeral director Leverton & Son, tel: (0171) 387-6075.

ROBERTSON - Eileen (née McCrea). On July 13th, peacefully in hospital, aged 86. For 56 years the loyal and loving wife of Alexander (Robbie), formerly HongKong Bank, dearest mother of Shelagh and Graham, grandmother of Clennell, Charlotte and Alexander. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex, on Wednesday July 24th at 2pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations if desired to The British Red Cross, c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, Sevenoak, Allington Road, Newick, Sussex, tel: (01825) 722898 or (01444) 464391.

SALLIS - On Saturday 13th July at The Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, John Thomas of North Stainmore. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Nora Sallis, dear father of Ann, Valerie, Paul and Susan and a much loved grandfather aged 80 years. Funeral Service will take place at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 19th July at 2.40 pm. In lieu of flowers if so desired, donations to Brough Medical Centre may be sent c/o Mrs B. Dobson, Bridge Street, Brough, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria.

SAUNDERS - On 13th July 1996 at Kendal, C.W.M. Saunders (Tim). Husband of Sara. Service and interment at St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh, Kendal, Thursday 18th July at 2 pm. No flowers please. Enquiries Morecambe and Heysham Funeral Service, 102 Sefton Road, Morecambe LA3 1UD, tel: (01524) 416787.

SELLICK - Dr. Brian Arthur F.F.A.R.C.S. suddenly at home on July 13th. Beloved by his wife Florence, his sons Brian, Charles and Llewellyn and his ten grandchildren. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Stokenham, Kingsbridge, Devon, Friday July 19th at 3 pm. By request, family flowers only, but donations if desired to Stokenham Church Restoration Fund c/o R.C. Pillar & Sons, Funeral Directors, Anzac Street, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9DL, tel:

SINCLAIR SCOTT - Michael Alexander Sinclair Scott, C.B.E., on July 14th 1996. Funeral private. No letters please. Family flowers only to P.B. Wright and Sons, Funeral Directors, Greenock.

SKILTON - On 6th July 1996 peacefully in his sleep at Garth House Nursing Home, Dorking, Alex aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy, much adored father of John and Jennifer, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Dorking on Monday 22nd July at 2 pm.

STOKOE - Peacefully on 5th July, in her 93rd year, Janet, widow of Dr. Nevill Stokoe, beloved mother of Peter and Michael and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. A private cremation has already taken place.

TYNDALE - Major Charles *Henry Ouise* aged 78 peacefully at home, on July 11th. A real gentleman, dearly loved by family, friends and all whose lives he touched. A Memorial Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Ash, Surrey, on Monday 22nd July at 2.45pm. No flowers by request. Donations to The Grange School, Church Lane East, Aldershot, GU11 3HR.

WALMSLEY - Alexander David aged 69 on July 14th peacefully at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and Parish Priest. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Cheltenham, at 12 noon Tuesday July 23rd. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Church Mission Society c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 2 Hendred Street, Cowley, Oxford.

WHITTLE - On July 16th 1996, Dorothy Lady Whittle aged 92 died peacefully and with dignity after a very brief illness. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving to be arranged

WILLIAMS - On July 14th at home at Little Gaddesden, Owen (O.T.) Williams C.B.E. Loving husband of Rosemary and a dear father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Tuesday July 23rd at Little Gaddesden Church at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Little Gaddesden School c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1AH, tel: (01442) 864548.

WOOD - On July 11th, Group Captain R.A.F., Paul Beckett Wood aged 85 years of Almondsbury, Bristol, will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service will be held at Canford Crematorium, Bristol, on Monday July 22nd at 2 pm.

WROTTESLEY - John suddenly at home on Sunday July 14th aged 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie, father, grandpa and great-grandpa, dearly loved and sadly missed by all. Funeral at St Saviour's Church, Warwick Avenue, Paddington at 12 noon Tuesday July 23rd followed by private cremation at Kensal Green. Flowers to H.J. Bent & Co., 1C Aberdeen Place, NW8 8JN.

YOUNG - On 10th July, suddenly at home, Joan Frances (née Kirchner), widow of Col. W.J.F. Young, D.S.O., M.B.E. (I.M.S. and later Gp. Capt RCAF). Survived by her sister Pamela, children Michael, Anthony, Vivienne, Victoria and Vanessa and seven grandchildren. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church, *Funtington* at 2 pm Monday 22nd July. Donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester in lieu of flowers would be gratefully accepted.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

CROWN - Leon died 17th July 1992, beloved whilst living. Greatly missed.

McCORMACK - Brigadier John Victor, O.B.E., M.C. Died 17th July 1976. In loving memory from his son and grandson, John and

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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PANDRO BERMAN

Pandro Berman, Hollywood producer, died on July 13 aged 91. He was born on March 28, 1905.

PANDRO BERMAN outlived almost all his contemporaries from the golden age of Hollywood. While he never carried the financial weight of one of the big studio moguls, he had infinitely more creative influence over the final product than those executive producers for whom he worked. He kept the standard of that product high, combining his job as a film's line producer (the man who supervises every detail of production), with that of unofficial midwife to the fledgeling careers of his actors. It was Berman who engineered the inspired dance partnership between Fred Astaire and a young ex-vaudeville actress named Ginger Rogers. With them, he produced some of the most delightful musical comedies of the 1930s.

Pandro Samuel Berman was born in Pittsburgh and educated locally. He never went to college, arriving in Hollywood in the 1920s and serving his apprenticeship during the last days of silent films. His father was a minor executive at Universal Pictures, and he secured his son a job at a small studio called the Film Booking Office. Fortunately this later merged with RKO, allowing Berman to work his way up at RKO under David O. Selznick, whose assistant he had become by the end of the decade.

He was seen as something of a boy wonder at the studio — assistant director, editor and producer on a score of films by 1934, when he bought the first starring vehicle for Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. These two had known each other since the days when both were appearing on the New York stage. They had already appeared in supporting roles together, dancing the Carioca, in *Flying Down to Rio* the previous year. The RKO top brass saw there was money to be made in pairing them together in starring roles. Berman, the new head of production at the studio, was asked to find the right vehicle.

He went to New York, saw Astaire dancing in *The Gay Divorcee* and bought the property for the screen for Astaire and Rogers. Astaire was not overpleased by the idea of Rogers. He had been teamed with his sister Adèle for such a long time as a young man, that he feared being identified yet again with one woman. Rogers, he worried, was more keen on proving herself as a serious actress, and was not a professional tap dancer.

Despite his misgivings, *The Gay Divorcee* was, as the studio had predicted, a box office triumph. It was followed by more Rogers and Astaire partnerships, at the rate of one a year, all produced by Berman: *Top Hat*, *Follow the Fleet*, *Swing Time*, *Shall We Dance?*, *Carefree* and *The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle*. The finished product of these masterly collaborations with composers like Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern, made magical viewing. There were light comedy plots, wonderful tunes and great dances for audiences to enjoy. Only Berman, behind the scenes, knew the effort of co-ordinating these vast projects and indeed getting them into production at all. Whatever the public thought, Astaire remained unconvinced about the benefits of working with Rogers. Every time Berman found a new vehicle, he had to cajole and bully Astaire into accepting it.

Pandro Berman with Ginger Rogers on the set of *Fifth Avenue Girl*, 1939

Rogers and Astaire were not the only Berman discoveries. He had cast Bette Davis in *Of Human Bondage* in 1934, the film which really kick-started her career. By the late 1930s Berman was also working with the Marx Brothers on *Room Service* and Charles Laughton on *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. By now he was considered the most creative producer on the RKO lot. But it was still a small studio compared to Universal and MGM. When its new president, George Shaffer, arrived in 1939, he demanded that the output be raised to 55 films a year (15 more than the average at the time). Berman thought that the studio was over-extending itself, resigned and accepted a proposal from Louis B. Mayer at MGM.

Berman was at MGM from 1940 to 1967 and produced some of its finest films during that time. In 1944 he took a chance in casting the young Elizabeth Taylor in *National Velvet* (she was determined to get the part, which called for a slightly older girl, and grew three inches in two months, almost, it seemed, by an act of will). Berman was one of those who had originally thought Taylor wrong for the role. But, once he had accepted the choice, he set about developing her career with the same flair he had shown with Rogers and Astaire. He provided her with *Father of the Bride* (1950); and supported her, through a worn-out, anxious stage in her life, during the filming of *Ivanhoe* in England in 1952. Taylor was less pleased with Berman ten years later, when he held her to her contract, and made her film *Butterfield 8* (which she loathed, but which won her the Oscar for Best Actress) before releasing her for much more lucrative work on *Cleopatra*.

Berman's output at MGM slowed down during the 1950s, although it included some big projects like *The Prisoner of Zenda*. With executive reshuffles at the studio in 1956, Berman became more of an independent producer, distributing his films through MGM.

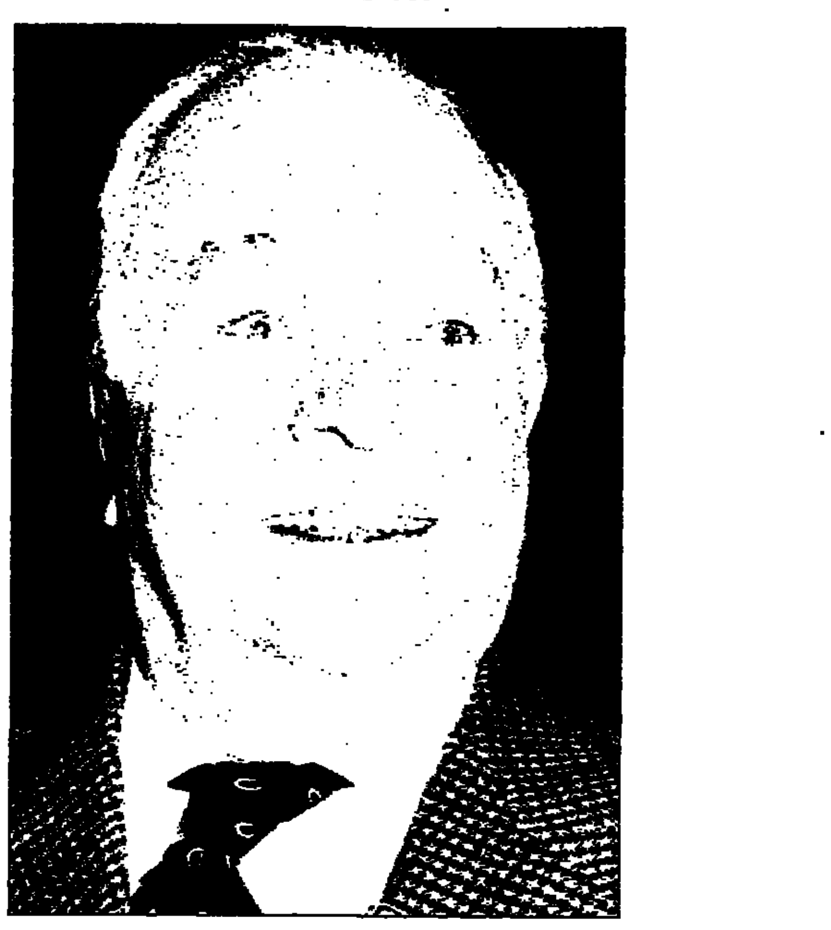
The arrangement suited him well. During the 1960s, when the studio was not enjoying good fortune, he produced some of their biggest commercial hits: *The Prize* with Paul Newman, and *A Patch of Blue* with Sidney Poitier. He left MGM in 1967, spent two years with 20th Century Fox, and then retired gracefully for good.

In his retirement in Beverly Hills, Berman was rewarded not only by witnessing the enduring popularity of his films, but by various awards. At the Oscars in 1977, he was awarded the highest honour possible for a producer, the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award.

He was married twice. His first marriage, to Viola Newman in 1927, ended in divorce. He married his second wife, Kathryn Hereford, in 1960. She died in 1993. He leaves a son and two daughters from his first marriage.

EDILIO RUSCONI

Edilio Rusconi, Italian magazine editor and publisher, died in Milan on July 10 aged 79. He was born on November 11, 1916.



EDILIO RUSCONI dominated the postwar Italian popular magazine market, first as an editor and later as publisher of a series of photographic weeklies. They played on nostalgia for the monarchy, traditional Roman Catholic values and anti-communism.

Rusconi was 30 when the publisher Angelo Rizzoli agreed to a proposal to revive the old weekly title *Oggi* (Today) which had been suspended by the Fascist authorities. As its Editor from 1945, Rusconi devised a sentimental formula that appealed to an Italy that was weary of war and eager to return to normal life. The first issue on July 21, 1945, had 16 pages and cost 15 lire.

Rusconi surrounded himself with a team of enthusiastic young journalists and played on royalist sentiment when a year later Italy voted by a narrow majority to abolish the monarchy and King Umberto and his family went into exile in Portugal. By 1950 its circulation had soared to half a million and by 1955 to 760,000 copies.

Oggi supported all the European royal families and argued that Italy's main problem was the threat from international communism. Prominent Christian Democrat politicians signed its editorials. Some 70 per cent of its readers were women and often Rusconi would reject articles by reporters, saying: "Si piange poco" (too few tears). Later Rusconi would boast: "I made the Italians dream and the little seamstresses cry."

He had an affectionate relationship with Pope Pius XII. One of his biggest scoops was to reveal that, when the Pontiff was ill, Jesus Christ had appeared at his bedside. It was a story, however, that the Vatican authorities were not prepared to confirm.

Rizzoli encouraged the young Editor by promising him half a lira for every copy that he sold in excess of the magazine's rival, *Europeo*. By the early 1950s *Oggi* had reached its target and was selling more than its rival. Rusconi was given a free hand to undertake other business enterprises while at the helm. But in 1956 he parted company with Rizzoli, set up his own magazine, *Gente* (People), which was more or less identical to *Oggi* in format but which was soon winning the circulation battle.

Gente was started on a shoestring capital of only 50 million lire. But it soon attracted such well known writers as Luigi Barzini, Italy's most famous foreign correspondent, who agreed to sell Rusconi his memoirs. Rusconi annoyed Barzini, however, by rewriting the text and the deal was scrapped.

Rusconi went on to a build up a constellation of about 20 weekly magazines, including *Gioia* (Joy) and *Eva*, both publications aimed at women, as well as travel and motoring titles.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Rusconi experimented, unusually unsuccessfully, with investments in other media fields. In 1973 he bought a 50 per cent share in the Rome newspaper *Il Messaggero* but was rebuffed by the journalists who rejected his choice for Editor. A political weekly *Il Settimanale* did not work either. He dabbled in cinema, backing an ailing Luchino Visconti in his direction of the film *Gruppo di Famiglia in un interno*.

As an old man Rusconi also made an unsatisfactory venture into television as the owner of the private channel *Italia 1*. This he eventually ceded to the politician and tycoon Silvio Berlusconi.

Although he was known as the king of Italian popular journalism in a country without tabloid newspapers, Rusconi was a cultured man. He wrote several books, including *Common Solitude*, a collection of portraits of contemporary Italian writers, two novels *Casamento 84* and *Il cuore è una città* (The Heart is a City), and a collection of short stories *Giorni sul fiume* (Days on the River).

In 1985 he handed over chairmanship of his group to Alberto, his son by his wife Luciana, both of whom survive him.

PROFESSOR HUGH DAVSON

Professor Hugh Davson, physiologist and medical scientist, died on July 2 aged 86. He was born on November 25 1909.

WIDELY known for the Davson-Danielli model of the cell membrane, Hugh Davson and his colleague Jim Danielli had first propounded the idea in the late 1930s; it appears today, scarcely modified, in the most elementary texts of physiology.

Davson's life's work made many fundamental contributions to physiology, ophthalmology, the study of the cerebrospinal fluid and the blood-brain barrier. It led to an understanding of how molecules enter and leave cells, and of how the fluid environment of the brain and eye are controlled. This knowledge is central to the design of new drugs which have to cross cell membranes in order to be effective.

At University College School, Hampstead, Hugh Davson did not shine, so his father, a GP, arranged for him to work for one of his patients at the Baltic Exchange. Finding the work tedious, he persuaded his father to pay the fees for University College London (for which he had already matriculated, unknown to his parents) to study chemistry.

There he met Danielli and gained a first class degree in 1931. Next, the vitamin biochemist Jack (later Sir Jack) Drummond invited him to study permeability. Using red blood cells, Davson, often in collaboration with Danielli, studied the movement of the charged ions sodium and potassium across the cell membrane. This led to the theory of the cell membrane, the Davson-Danielli model, and the publication of *Permeability of Natural Membranes* in 1942.

Davson then applied for a Medical Research Council-funded post to work with the ophthalmologist Stewart (later Sir Stewart) Duke-Elder on the causative factors in glaucoma — a common cause of blindness. During this time Davson proved that swelling of the vitreous body was not the cause of the intra-ocular pressure rise that results in glaucoma, the theory that had been espoused by Duke-Elder.

The economic situation of the 1930s, together with the rise of the Nazis in Germany, led Davson to join the Communist Party. He was interviewed after the war by the security service and asked about his student friends in MI5's hunt for the Third Man. It was not until the 1950s that he realised that communism was not the way forward and that Stalinism was as bad as Fascism.

In 1936 Davson was offered a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship, followed by a Beit Fellowship, which enabled him to develop his work on cell membranes in the United States. From 1939 he had a period at Dalhousie University. But after the outbreak of war he returned to England to offer his services to the Government. He worked first at Porton Down, studying the effect of mustard gas on the eye. Later he applied his knowledge of optics to the evaluation of infra-red night sights which had been captured from German units. These were found to be streets ahead of anything that the Allies possessed. In order to evaluate the equipment Davson learnt to drive a Sherman tank and to guide it around Surrey lanes in the dark with the aid of the infra-red sights.

After the war Davson continued to work on the problems of glaucoma, and he established a Medical Research Council research group at the Institute of Ophthalmology in 1946, this again in collaboration with Duke-Elder. During this time he wrote *The Physiology of the Eye*, a work which went through five editions and formed the standard text for ophthalmologists.

But he had a number of differences with Duke-Elder and asked to be moved from the control of the institute to that of the Medical Research Council. This provoked a crisis which split the ophthalmology unit, a number of whose members threatened to leave unless they could work with Davson. Eventually he was able to form a small group of his own at the institute.

These difficulties led Davson to return to University College in 1951 to study the blood-brain barrier and the cerebrospinal fluid. During this time he advanced the understanding of the blood-brain barrier, the very existence of which at the time was denied by many. Nevertheless, time was to show that it was the presence of this barrier which preserved a constancy of the fluid environment for the brain, without which it could not function.

In 1951 Davson published *Textbook of General Physiology*, which ran to four editions, and in 1956 *Physiology of the Ocular and Cerebrospinal Fluids*, which also ran to four editions. He also edited three editions of *Starling's Physiology* and started a short *Introduction to Physiology*, co-authored with Malcolm Segal.

Davson retired from University College in 1975 and was awarded a Fogarty Fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. The following year he returned as Senior Research Fellow at King's College, London, to work with Michael Bradbury and David Begley. Later, in 1984 he moved to the Sherrington School of Physiology, United Medical and Dental Schools, St Thomas' Hospital, London, as Emeritus Professor to work with Malcolm Segal.

Davson was formally honoured more abroad than in the UK, principally in the US, Japan and South America. He could not abide what he considered to be scientific pomposity and bluster, and would publicly explode the ideas of some of his senior colleagues. But he was dedicated to the development of younger scientists in whom he saw promise.

In the 1980s he took an interest in the development of neuroscience in Belgrade and as a consequence was made a Fellow of the Serbian Academy of Science, only the third Englishman after Gladstone and Henry Moore to have done so. He took the trouble to make a speech to the Academy in Serbo-Croat, much to the amazement and delight of the audience.

The name Davson is known to every student of physiology today. He published more than 200 scientific papers and wrote 20 books. His work was contributed over so long a period that many assumed he was a historical rather than a living figure. Some years back, one of his granddaughters in a physiology lecture, being instructed on the Davson-Danielli model, was told about this long-deceased scientist. "No he's not," she interjected, "he's my grandfather and is very much alive". The lecturer stopped in his tracks.

Davson had many interests outside science. He was widely read and could quote tracts of Shakespeare, Gibbon and Johnson. He appreciated fine wine and good beer and kept gardens in both Wimbledon and Devon. It was whilst tending his garden in Georgeham that he died, having enjoyed another enthusiasm, a long walk along the north Devon coast, the day before.

His wife Marjorie, a distinguished portrait painter, predeceased him by two years. He is survived by a daughter Caroline.

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Long before the appearance of "road rage", there was a feeling that old-time courtesy was lacking on the roads. Perhaps the police should be given powers to deal with such lapses.

PUNISHMENT FOR BAD DRIVING

LORD ELIBANK'S PLAN FOR AN HOUR "STANDSTILL"

The inculcation of *esprit de corps* and the elimination of bad temper among road-users were among the suggestions made at the first annual luncheon of the Company of Veteran Motorists at the Trocadero Restaurant yesterday. More than 35,000 motorists with a minimum of 10 years' driving experience and with no serious convictions have joined the company since 1931 and are eligible to carry V-shaped chevrons on their cars.

LORD SEMPILL, who pleaded for *esprit de corps*, attributed to-day's difficulties to a lack of vision that had prevented a more rapid programme of road expansion. Why was it necessary, he asked, to go to Germany to be able to cruise safely and happily along the roads at 100 miles an hour?

LORD ELIBANK, the chairman, said the company stood for a great ideal which would more than halve the appalling number or road accidents. It was unfortunate that to-day the old-time courtesy was so lacking, and he regretted that the manners of many motorists left much to be desired. There was the ill-mannered driver who infuriated other drivers and started a vicious circle by passing to the head of a waiting queue during traffic congestion. Why not give the police power to deal with this lapse of courtesy in a summary manner by sending the offending driver to the side of the road and taking his driving licence away from him for an hour? This punishment could be extended to the lesser speeding offences.

LORD ELIBANK said he intended to introduce into the House of Lords next session a Bill, the effect of which would be to give back to magistrates the discretionary powers taken from them under the existing Traffic Act regarding the endorsement of driving licences for exceeding the speed limit. Existing regulations were much too severe on motorists.

LORD HOWE said that if Lord Elibank's Bill was designed in any way to favour motorists it was bound to meet strong opposition in the Lords, where the Pedestrians' Association was well represented. With a little more give and take they could do much to reduce the toll of accidents.

CERTIFIED BLIND MAN

WHO DRIVES A CAR

A man, certified as a blind person, who has held a driving licence for 10 years, drives a car and rides a bicycle, is mentioned by a London surgeon, Mr J. Myles Bickerton, in a letter in the *British Medical Journal*.

The motorist was found to be genuinely blind within the Blind Persons Act and had been drawing a blind pension for 10 years. "The case was brought to my notice by a man who had been his passenger on a journey to fetch his blind pension money," states Mr Bickerton. "In any case he told me himself that he was too blind to read the regulations in the fine print in which they are typed! He had only one eye, but could read the number plate at 25 yards with a pocket telescope spectacle."

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LONDON ST PANCRAS AND GLASGOW
DININ

Steaming hot: York's railway museum restaurant offers local specialities such as Yorkshire curd tarts

Widget Finn finds out how rain affects sandwiches at Britain's attractions

On the tourist menu

When the Victoria & Albert Museum launched a marketing campaign with the slogan "Ace caff — quite a nice museum attached", the diehards were apoplectic. The marketing campaign was designed to shock, says Robin Cole-Hamilton, head of public affairs. "It showed that the V & A recognises that people don't just come for great works of art; they also expect a good cup of coffee. As we're a museum, not a restaurant, we brought in the experts to manage our catering."

Traditionalists may be mollified to know that the "caff" now contributes £250,000 to the V & A's annual income. UK tourist attractions will welcome 25 million overseas visitors and 125 million domestic tourists this year, at least half of them wanting refreshments.

The food at tourist sites must appeal to a range of tastes, from schoolchildren to sophisticated eaters, says Claire Ford, who designs the menus for ten heritage sites managed by Milburns Restaurants. The Imperial War Museum has a strong British following, which is reflected in traditional food such as Lancashire hotpot and a high consumption of tea, while the British Museum attracts tourists from all over the world who want widely recognisable dishes like poached salmon and chicken.

Milburns includes local specialities in its heritage restaurants — Bath buns at the City's Pump Rooms, Yorkshire curd tarts at the British Railway Museum — and has themed menus for special exhibitions — diners at the Royal Academy's Venetian Exhibition could enjoy Venetian culinary specialities such as *torta verde*.

Cafés, brasseries, fast-food points or sandwich bars are the norm at tourist attractions. On the whole, tourists don't want to spend the time or money on a sit-down, waitress-served meal, although the National Railway Museum at York is an exception. Its restaurant on Platform 3 has been serving a proper meat and two veg menu for most of the museum's 21 years.

Contract caterers work closely with their clients at tourist attractions to identify the visitor profile, which is essential for menu planning. The positioning of eating areas, the flow of visitors, even the opening times and weather are vital.

"We always undertake to increase the gross catering revenue, which means that our client, who gets a percentage of the takings, also benefits," says Evelyn Thurlby, development director of Gardner Merchant Leisure Services, whose contracts include the Royal Armouries, Hampton Court Palace and the Motor Museum at Beaulieu in Hampshire.

The caterer's perfect visitor site has a food outlet near the entrance to make it accessible to people from outside. Further catering is placed at critical points such as the start of tours, so that visitors can sit and plan their next move, with a larger eating point near the exit. In practice, the constraints of old buildings like Hampton Court mean that caterers have to compromise, although their contract often includes an opportunity to refurbish or tailor existing facilities.

Flexibility is the keynote of catering at tourist sites where numbers can vary daily according to events and weather. Gardner Merchant gets advance details of large booked parties so that small kiosks selling ice-cream and drinks can be opened or closed according to demand. And Pret A Manger, sandwich chain that does all the catering for the Tower of London's tourists, contacts the Weather Centre several times a day. "Rain can make a big impact on the business, affecting takings by 50 per cent," claims Richard Smith, operations manager. "The National Gallery is very busy when it rains, while the Tower goes quiet."

An inside job

Outsourcing is not always the best information technology strategy

Companies that decide to outsource their information technology operations should sign short-term, tailor-made contracts, a survey of 40 companies shows. Better still, companies should give their existing in-house teams a chance to do the job efficiently.

The three-year survey, carried out by Templeton College at Oxford University, covered large and small organisations in sectors including airlines, banking, chemicals, electronics, food, oil, retailing and government.

The report welcomes the competition that outsourcing has fostered but it argues that companies can do more to find the solution that suits them best.

The authors, Mary Lacity, an assistant professor at the University of Missouri, and Leslie Willcocks, lecturer in management studies at Oxford, found that IT contracts ran for up to ten years, with some companies outsourcing the whole IT function and others only parts. They say that the trigger for the change in the way in which IT operations were carried out came in 1989, when Eastman Kodak, the photographic giant, turned over most of its IT operations to three outsourcing partners. Senior executives of other major US companies followed, signing long-term contracts worth millions of dollars with IT outsourcing partners.

Similar outsourcing deals were signed in the UK by companies including BP Exploration, British Aerospace and Bhs, and by government departments such as the Inland Revenue and the Department of Social Security. By 1994, just over half of UK organisations were outsourcing some aspect of their information technology needs.

Because IT spans such a variety of activities, outsourcing should be done selectively. The authors say: "No one vendor or internal IT department possesses the experience and economies of scale to perform all IT activities most effectively."

The authors emphasise that contracts tailored to the organisation are better than trying to set up strategic partnerships with IT suppliers.

They argue that short-term contracts are preferable to long-term ones for several reasons. Technology and business conditions cannot be predicted for more than three years, so contracts become increasingly outdated. Short-term contracts motivate vendors, because they realise that the customer may switch suppliers when the contract expires, while companies can recover and learn quickly from mistakes.

Unexpected costs arising from outsourcing IT "consistently appeared" in the deals the authors studied. Many sprang from oversights or weaknesses in evaluating the project before signing the contract. "In many cases organisations find themselves paying for the vendor's learning curve, are locked into old technologies with high switching costs, or they incur large discretionary spending outside the contract."

The report says that internal IT departments should make more effort to bid for contracts. Many outside bids are based on efficient management practices that in-house teams can achieve.

To do so, they may have to break down the prejudices of senior executives who resist improvements because of internal politics, then blame the IT managers for not making progress. Cost-saving measures such as consolidating data centres or standardising software packages are often rejected by superiors.

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All change on the Tyne

A plum PFI contract involves rehousing 13,000 civil servants

Building & Property, the facilities management company, has won a 25-year preferred supplier contract in the first big property project of the Government's private finance initiative (PFI). In a joint venture with Amec, the construction group, it will supervise the £150 million redevelopment of the Department of Social Security's headquarters in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The DSS occupies 11 sites in and around the city. The PFI will concentrate the department's offices on two main sites: Longbenton to the north, where Amec will be constructing 70,000 sq m of accommodation, and Washington to the south, where a 23,000 sq m office building is planned. The project involves extensive demolition and redevelopment.

The bid was won in the face of stiff competition from Taylor Woodrow and W.S. Atkins. Brian Taylor, a Building & Property director, says: "We will not only provide fully-managed office space for the DSS, but we could eventually be providing a range of additional services, such as security, cleaning and catering."

Brian Taylor: big exercise

In addition to the £150 million capital cost of construction, there is an annual sum for FM, which is likely to be about £4 million a year. The DSS will lease its new office buildings from Newcastle Estate Partnership, a company formed by Amec and Building & Property to build, manage and maintain the buildings until they are handed over to the DSS when the 25-year lease expires.

Joint venturing with contractors on PFI projects is part of Building & Property's strategy to win more long-term negotiated business as opposed to the standard five-year FM contracts for which it has to bid in competition. The company is partnering Amec in bidding for a £250 million PFI scheme to redevelop the Royal London Hospital and is preferred bidder on a £10 million health sector PFI in a joint venture with Miller, a Scottish contractor.

PFI bids are notoriously costly to put together and can easily run into tens of thousands of pounds. On the DSS scheme, negotiations lasted 18 months and it clearly helped that Building & Property, owned by its joint venture partner Amec and the civil engineering consultancy Pell Frischmann, was able to share bidding costs.

The DSS project is partly self-financing, which will minimise costs to the Government and provide a *quid pro quo* to the developer shouldering the risk. A vital factor in the deal was the DSS's releasing part of its sprawling Longbenton site to Amec Developments, which plans to build a 100-bed hotel and leisure facilities.

On the FM front, Building & Property's immediate problem will be managing the moves as 13,000 DSS staff are decanted from existing offices. Staff will be moved into temporary accommodation until the new offices are ready for occupation. Mr Taylor says: "Our first FM role will be management and communication, ensuring the changeovers go smoothly, that the information technology stays up and running and that we meet health and safety requirements. It's a very, very big exercise."

He is looking forward to managing the new buildings. Being part of a consortium has given the FM company the chance to influence design at an early stage, and maintenance, security and operation will all be easier as a result. The design helps to ensure that whole-life costs for heating and ventilating plant are minimised, and Building & Property will let FM subcontracts on the basis of competitive tender. Mr Taylor says: "There is no preference for in-house companies."

Mr Taylor believes PFI will enable the department dramatically to reduce its FM costs. He says: "There are two ways they save money. Under the PFI, we had to price competitively and now that we are at the preferred-bidder stage the client will benchmark us against the cost of the traditional Government procurement process."

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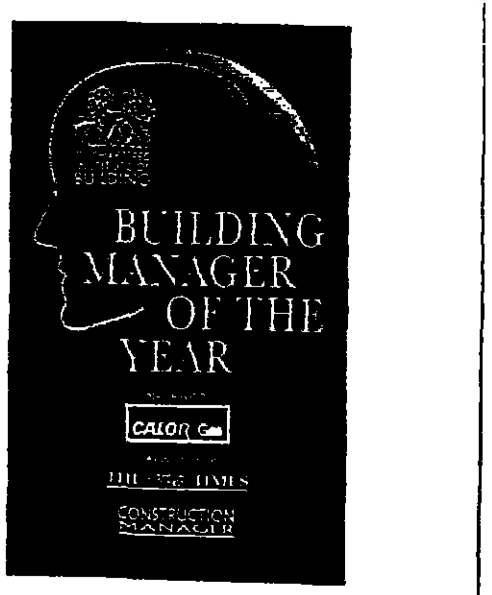

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More than 100 exhibitors have signed up for the show. Details: 0181-742 2828.

☐ THE in-house facilities team bidding to provide support services to the army in the Salisbury Plain area has formed a partnership with Procord, the British arm of Johnson Controls FM.

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Domesday duty

Peter Brown

reports on the removal of the national archive to Kew

To walk into the Public Record Office at Kew is to step not only into the past but onto it. The entrance atrium is paved with slate taken from the PRO's headquarters at Chancery Lane, which dates from the 1850s. In those days slate shelves were the latest thing for document storage.

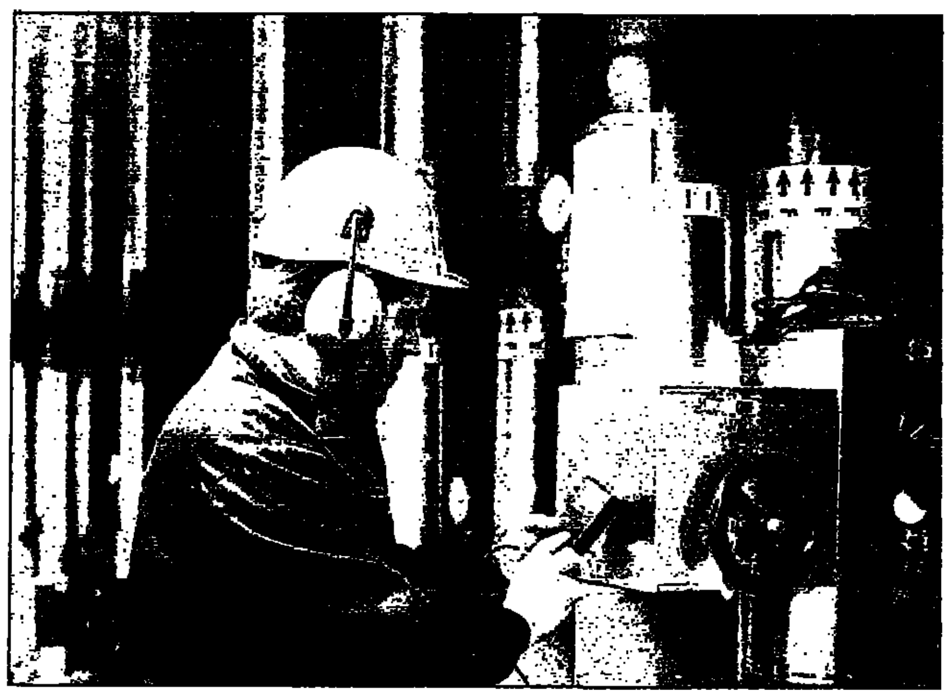
By Christmas, Chancery Lane, which lies off Fleet Street, will be closed; all its contents will have been moved to Kew (to the annoyance of some scholars). The Domesday Book has yet to make the journey but the iron chest in which it once was kept already graces a Kew corridor. Its three separate locks (requiring three separate keyholders) are a reminder that security problems are nothing new.

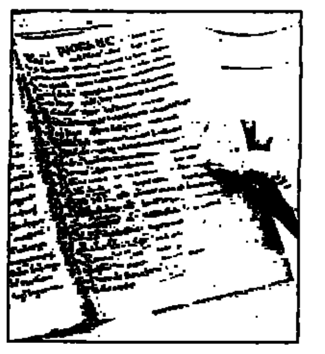
Security is handled in-house at Kew, but keeping watch on the maintenance of mechanical and electrical works, window cleaning, landscaping, pest control and energy management are Alan Garner and John Short of Mowlem FM, which holds a partnership contract with the PRO.

"When it lost the services of the Property Holdings, the government agency, in April, the PRO was effectively jumping out of an aeroplane without a parachute," says Mr Short, Mowlem's change manager at Kew. "We are the parachute. We have the experience to take an overview."

Duncan Simpson, the PRO's director of corporate services, puts it slightly differently: "We looked for the parachute before we jumped," he says. "We had the choice of continuing with Property Holdings' successor, or going into the marketplace. Broadly speaking, all seems to be going well with the Mowlem contract."

Looking after the national archive is a heavy responsibility. Created for the convenience of Victorian lawyers, the PRO now attracts scholars from all over the world to see documents such as Shakespeare's will, Bligh's account of the mutiny on the *Bounty*, Guy Fawkes's confessions and Captain Cook's charts.





An engineer checks equipment at the Public Record Office in Kew, where the Domesday Book (left) will soon be stored

Once a document has been requested (computerised lists are available to the public), it is taken from a repository and delivered to the reading rooms, usually by Telelift, an automated overhead railtrack. Some documents are so fragile that only the staff are allowed to turn their pages.

In the repositories, the documents have to be kept at between 16C and 18C, but more important is the relative humidity, set at between 50 and 60 per cent. Air-handling units are set up in pairs, the second one to act as a reserve, and an early-warning aspirating system sniffs for smoke.

"The chillers and the heating plant are all sized for backup," says Mr Short. "There is a lot of redundant equipment built into the system. Mould is the enemy, and smoke is the great danger."

There are two, connected buildings at Kew. The first is a 1970s building for which Mowlem has awarded the maintenance contract to AHS Emstar. There were some control system problems, but Steve Parkinson, Emstar's director of building services management, is pleased with progress.

Dust, he says, is a problem. "Maintaining the right environment is crucial, but I think we've cracked it. Now we're working towards the Government's energy efficiency targets."

The second building, a £33 million extension, opened last September. Kyle Stewart, the main contractor, subcontracted the work to How Engineering, whose installation contract has a year and a half to run.

This building is designed to meet the annual 1.5km extension of the archive until 2010. Flexible joints are built into its steelwork to allow for a 50mm movement, as the documents are moved in and the building settles. Overhead, huge solar shading blinds whirr impressively to and fro, reacting to light and heat sensors.

Water is a potential danger: the Thames is tidal at Kew. No documents are stored in the basement or ground floor, and the roof is double-shelled. Should a storm coincide with high tide, a balancing pond outside the building fills up.

Mowlem's partnership with the PRO is going "as well as possible", Mr Garner says. "It's like a marriage: communication is the key. And there has to be goodwill." Twice-weekly meetings are held with the PRO's estates team, and Mowlem chairs a monthly meeting to review progress.

All complaints are funnelled through Mowlem, which already claims a faster response time to requests via the helpdesk. For the future, Mowlem is monitoring energy consumption and is looking at a combined heat and power unit and perhaps a desiccant dehumidifying process.

Mowlem will take a percentage of energy savings made over the contract period — three years, with an option on a further two — so automatic heat and light controls are likely innovations.

Offices learn to cut costs

Multiskilling has paid useful dividends

MANAGEMENT costs are falling, according to the quarterly *The Times*/Procord index of office costs. While the trend will continue, Andrew Gardiner, performance group manager at Procord, believes that many companies have learnt that cutting down too far on facilities management numbers can be a false economy. *Rodney Hobson writes.*

Property management costs per employee fell from £192 to £173 in the second quarter compared with the first quarter, the index shows. Mr Gardiner cites changes in the way contracts are structured, general market pressure and improved management practices.

He says: "Organisations have been looking at the management function and how they can manage facilities more efficiently. We are now seeing costs coming down as firms develop a multiskilling approach."

Traditionally, four or five heads of department have reported on facilities management through different channels to the main board. Reports may come through the finance director, administration or personnel.

The property owned by an organisation may come under the finance director because it is a substantial cost while managing the facilities comes under a different department. Reporting channels can typically be cut to two with an office services manager and a technical services manager.

Mr Gardiner warns, however, that where management is cut back too hard there is a clear link between lower costs and lower efficiency.

He says: "Quite often low resourcing, and therefore costs, in terms of the management function, go hand in hand with high costs for most or all of the other facility cost centres. When the ratio between the two is considered, the false economy of doing this can be seen.

"Inadequate resourcing of the facilities management function might save £100 an occupant a year, which represents £50,000 a year in a 10,000 sq m office building housing 500 people. If this leads to inefficient facility services, however, this might cost an additional £2,000 an occupant a year, or an additional £1 million a year.

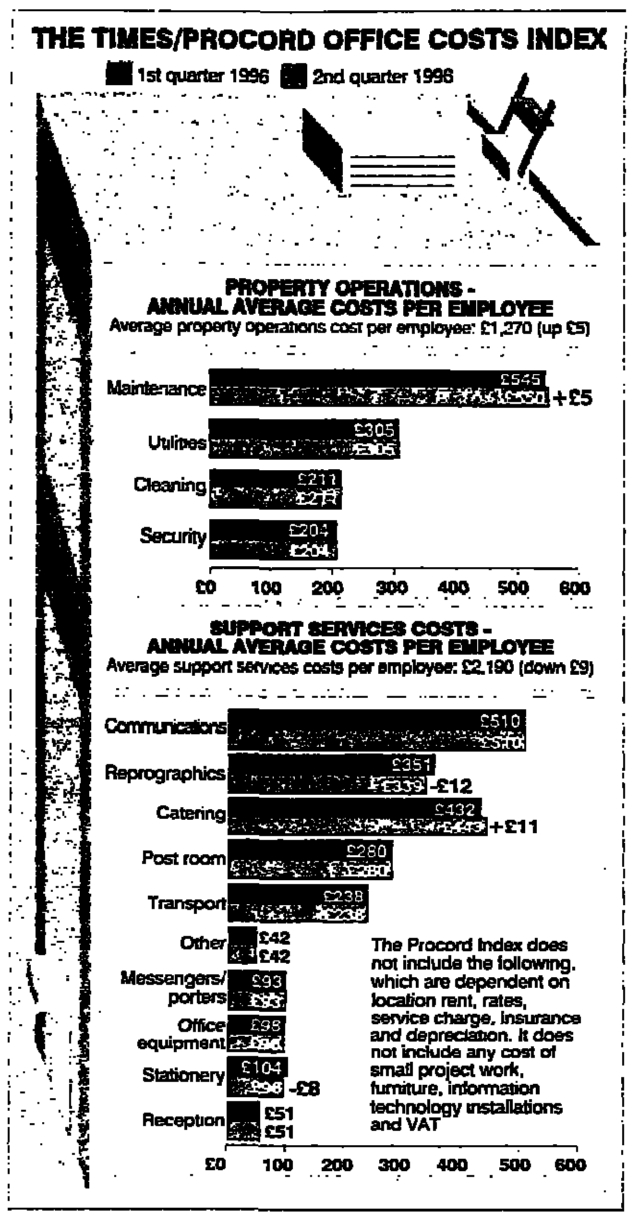
"If a firm gets the management of its facilities wrong, it may employ a very good contractor to do the wrong job working to the wrong specifications. More significantly, the quality of the service will probably be lower as well. This will lead to further costs in terms of lost production."

The fall in management costs was the main change in the second quarter. The cost of reprographics and stationery also fell sharply.

Barry Varcoe, Procord international performance manager, says: "In reprographics, labour costs have risen by 3 per cent over the past year but paper costs have fallen dramatically, sometimes by as much as 20 per cent over the quarter. The reason is not entirely clear, although it seems that organisations had stockpiled paper and were running stocks down while prices were high. The overall effect of these shifts is a fall in reprographics costs by 3.5 per cent."

The main cost increase came in catering, where labour and food costs continue to rise in line with inflation.

Overall, average property costs have fallen £23 per employee in the second quarter.



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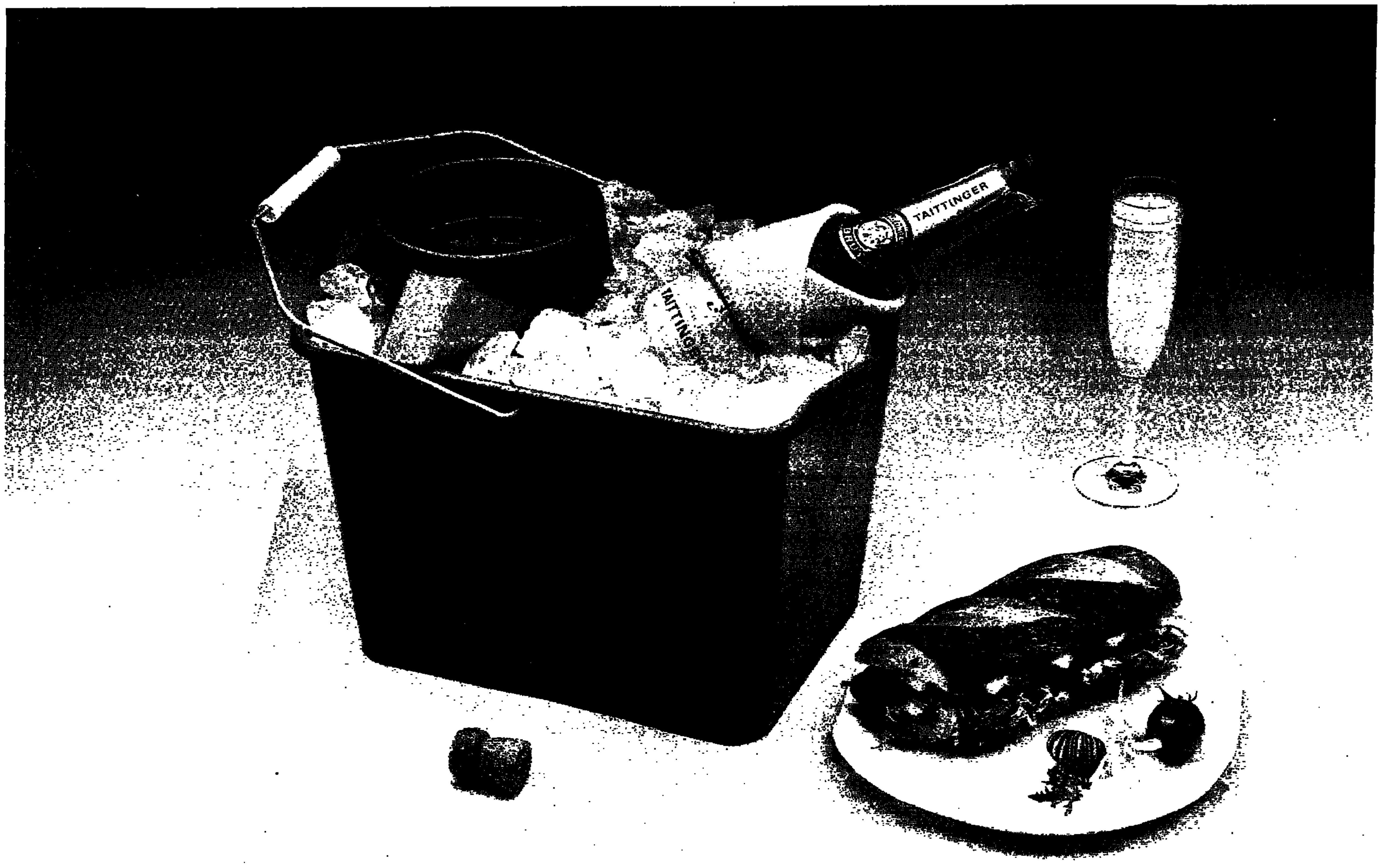

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When FM is caught on the hop

When we drive out of London of a Friday evening and head for Wales, my husband and I have switched to long-wave by the time we hit Reading. We have to if we want to listen to Radio 4 all the way. For Radio 4 is carried not only on FM, but on the blessed long wave, which stays with you up hill and down dale.

For our three-hour journey, we have tried to stick to FM. It offers superior quality and easy access to lots of the other stations that we like. But that would require retuning along the way because the short range of the FM signal means that its transmitters have to be dotted all over the country and inevitably there are gaps in between.

Retuning a car radio is not easy at 70-plus miles an hour, even if done by a passenger holding the radio frequency guide. The BBC's engineers could not be more helpful. "When you get to the middle of the M4, between Reading and Swindon, leave 93.5 and switch to 94.3. Then when you get Raglan way, go over to 93.1, then between Abergavenny and Brecon back to the 94.3." Even so, near Abergavenny: "Under the flank of the hill — the 94.3 goes terrible."

BRENDA MADDOX

Better, it is suggested, that we upgrade to a technology designed to meet the needs of the listener on wheels. An RDS radio (the letters stand for Radio Data System) is programmed to track any given station.

That is, it will take unto itself the road-rage-inducing task of finding where in the air the best FM signal for your desired station is flying.

Dare we take the plunge? True, the price has come down to about £100 for the cheapest sets. Alas, I am reliably informed, they don't live up to their promise. They have a habit of racing through the dial, hopping from one FM transmitter to another in search of a signal that meets their standard. As one retail supplier admitted to me: "They can get confused quite easily."

Unfortunately many important stations — Radios 1, 2 and 3, and Classic FM, to name but a few — broadcast only on FM. It is a fact of life: FM is the fickle waveband. Fine for those fixed on one spot — in kitchen, *bedroom or building site — but a pest on the* road. A passing motorbike or tall building can cause a splat of static.

So why should 25 groups be fighting to own the last London-wide FM station likely to become available? Not for the quality of its promised reception. The Radio Authority, charged with awarding commercial radio licences, makes no bones about the difficulties. The allocation up for grabs, 104.9 FM, is about to be vacated by Melody Radio because of its unsatisfactory coverage in southwestern stretches of Greater London.

The collective eagerness for London FM ownership springs from commercial radio's new prosperity. Revenues are soaring, and radio now takes a healthy 4 per cent of all spending on display (that is, not classified) advertising. A local radio can be run on a shoestring and big audiences are available.

Capital Radio is one of the bidders for the new London FM licence because of the new Broadcasting Act. This allows, for the first time, a single owner to own two stations on the same waveband in a single area. Were Capital to win the new licence, it could put another one of its services, Capital Gold, now on medium wave, onto FM. Atlantic 252 nourishes similar hopes.

But what the Bill gives with one hand, it takes away with the other. It stipulates that before any owner can obtain a second London FM licence, the Radio Authority must judge that the award will increase "plurality and diversity" in the capital. One easy way to this goal would be to pick one of the more narrowly targeted services on offer. Other applications are dedicated to: the Irish, the gay, the French, the middle-aged, the young, the old, the Tamil-speaking and the reggae-loving.

Yet the members of the Radio Authority could as logically decide that diversity will be best served by allowing Capital Gold and Atlantic 252 to reach, for the first time, the FM audience.

Shining temptingly over all this expansion is the American example. In most cities there seems to be a different station for each decimal point on the FM band. But America has the luxury of geographical separation. Broadcasting frequencies can be re-used, assigned in one city to Haitians, to Chinese or classical music lovers in another. But such re-use is not possible on a tight little island.

A final word of caution. My technical advisers warn me against swallowing all the current enthusiasm about the next radio wonder: DAB (for digital audio broadcasting). DAB is coming, beyond a doubt. And it will certainly allow a much wider expansion of commercial uses of the airwaves. *But these are much more likely to* be found in personal communications, such as mobile telephones and pagers.

Even the Department of Trade and Industry, whose enthusiasm for DAB is second only to the BBC's, acknowledges the snag. To provide any new national radio networks with digital transmission will require the replacement of all transmitters and, unless these are converted, of all radio sets. And when the DTI admits to doubts, you'd better have doubts yourself.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Cheers, it's your round . .

Hard times: John Carlisle and interviewer Paul Ross

AFTER winning his well-earned £9,000-a-year pay rise, John Carlisle, MP is debating what to do with another little windfall.

Clearly stung by criticism of the 26 per cent rise, the Member for Luton North appeared on national radio to reveal the hardships faced by our hard-pressed MPs and earned himself a more modest amount.

"MPs have been facing hardships and there are many junior ministers who are, believe it or not, on the breadline and struggling to keep their family and two homes going," an emotional Carlisle told broadcaster Paul Ross on Talk Radio.

The speech obviously moved listeners across the country. One, a retired fireman, wrote him a cheque to ease the Tory's burdens.

Peter Allen, of Gloucester, said: "I was so incensed that I have sent him a cheque for 50p so he can buy a drink for someone without begrudging it."

HELP may be on its way to the Meat and Livestock Commission, which had its wrists slapped by the Advertising Standards Authority last week.

The ASA upheld complaints over one of the commission's newspaper advertisements, which stated that beef was perfectly safe to eat and that there were even cases of vegetarians getting CJD, the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease, BSE.

Rumour has it that a complimentary copy of the Richards Butler A Guide to UK Advertising and Sales Promotion Law *is currently winging its way to the commission's HQ in Milton Keynes.*

Helpfully, it contains a special chapter entitled "Misleading Advertisements".

Naked truth

NEWS that the Parliamentary Channel is launching its own Web site on the Internet could leave some MPs somewhat underwhelmed. The idea of the site, http://www.parlchan.co.uk/, is to provide continuously updated information about what is happening at the Palace of Westminster.

With the click of a button, users will be able to call up a page for each of the sitting MPs, complete with colour photograph, biography and background information.

All very worthy in principle, but given that the latest craze on the Internet is to access naked images of famous people, certain Honourable Members might have reason to chew their nails. Particularly those who have gone to spend more time with their families after bearing rather more than their soul to young ladies who have later reappeared to tell all in national newspapers.

Rich irony

BASKING in rave reviews of its compelling series of programmes about poverty in Britain, Channel 4 is hosting a celebratory drinks party tomorrow night to thank all the directors, producers, researchers and so on who made the *Broke!* season so successful.

The season included the much-praised *Postcards From the Edge* series, highlighting the plight of the forgotten, poor and dispossessed living on the breadline at the fringes of society.

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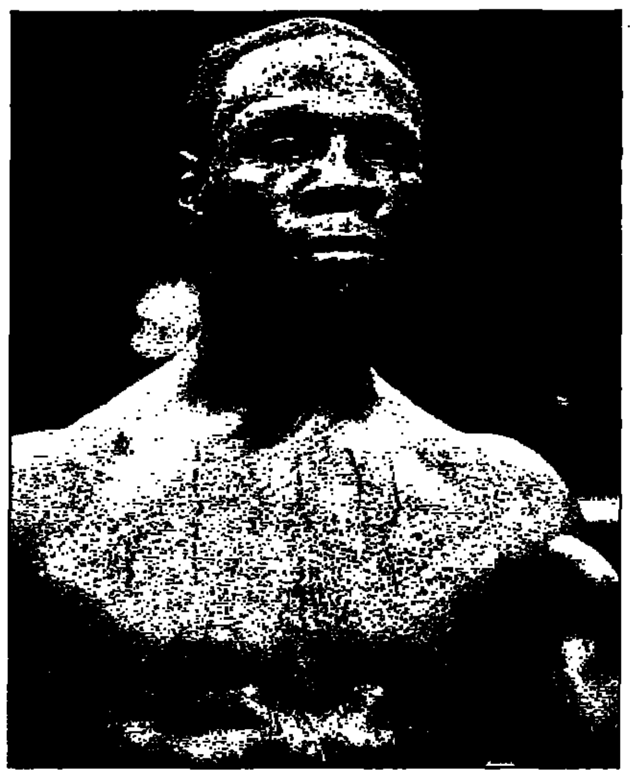
Watchdog throws its Net still wider



Boxer Chris Eubank is to plug the delights of Brighton

ADVERTISING

THE Advertising Standards Authority is boldly venturing where others have feared to tread by extending its watchdog remit to embrace ads on the Internet as well as in the press.

Until now, any individual could erect any form of advertisement on the hitherto uncensored global information superhighway and make any kind of commercial claim, however dubious it might be, with impunity.

But from this week the Net will be subject to the celebratedly stringent British Codes of Advertising, helping it to gain long-awaited credibility as an advertising medium.

Anyone commissioning, creating or publishing advertisements on the Net will now benefit from free advice, while disgruntled consumers will be offered an official route for their complaints.

There's just one problem. The ASA can rule only on advertisments in the United Kingdom, so surfers will have to treat with the usual suspicion any advertisements from beyond our shores.

CHRIS EUBANK, the former world super-middleweight champion, and newly-crowned Lord of Brighton, is to make his TV advertising debut in a commercial plugging the benefits of visiting the South Coast resort.

The ad, by TBWA, is to be aired next month. It lists the many and varied attractions on offer in the town, from windsurfing to arts festivals, antiques fairs "and the odd celebrity", it says, against *shots of Eubank clad in his* finest gentleman's apparel, thundering around in his truck with its KO1 registration plate or sitting astride his gleaming Harley-Davidson.

The original script by TBWA's Trevor Beattie, had Eubank appearing as a boxer but the self-styled Brighton noble, now retired from the sport, no longer wants to be associated with it and so completely rewrote the commercial. "Chris is a star. He's a genuine one-off. And I'll be crediting him if I enter the ad for any awards," promises Beattie.

BBJ Media Services, one of the UK's top ten media buying agencies, is closely monitoring the habits of the nation's youth. It will quiz a group of teenagers every school term until the year 2000 on their views on TV, advertising, cinema and other crucial media matters.

Levi's has so far proven to be the top commercial among 14-year-olds, followed by Walker's Salt 'n' Lineker crisps. Several, rather unexpectedly, claim they like Safeway's work — particularly since the advert of Harry's controversial "romance" with Molly. I wonder how their tastes will mature from ads for crisps, blue jeans and supermarkets that encourage rather suspect encounters between toddlers.

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Matthew Freud often commands as many column inches as his clients, while Julia Carling is seen by some as indicative of the dizzy heights attainable by a former PR

A matter of trust or tricks

Is PR about simply getting to know what papers want then using every method to make sure they get it, or is there more to it, asks Giles Coren

After years of pestering journalists and broadcasters to feature their clients, and peddle their products, the public relations operatives who feed on the British media are about to have the tables turned upon them. Keith Cooper, head of corporate affairs at the Royal Opera House, is to make a series on the dos and don'ts of PR, and is pitching for a slot on the BBC.

The last time he appeared on television, sacking a box-office manager, haranguing a minion and closing the Opera House shop, he caused an outcry. It is no less likely to happen this time.

For there is no more contentious question — among those on the receiving end — than the iniquities of PR. The meaningless releases. The miserable pitches on behalf of minor celebrities. The evasiveness when anything interesting happens. They are truly the bane of efficient offices.

Perhaps the most PR-besieged journalist in Britain is Andy Coulson of *The Sun's* Bizarre column. "It's not unusual to find 50 letters from PRs arriving in the office in the morning," he says. It is rare that any of them make a story.

"Some agencies are good but most have no idea what a newspaper is about at all. They think that some pop group that no-one has ever heard of can get three paragraphs in Bizarre as soon as they hit the charts. Nothing on a press release is of much interest to me. But there are some who understand what I want, and I can do business with them. If they know what we want, which is an exclusive, and they know what their clients want, then I am always prepared to meet half way. If I don't want it, then it will end up in the *Mirror*."

David Johnson, formerly an executive at the *Evening Standard* and *The Daily Telegraph*, now with *The Sunday Times*, is one of the few journalists who will say on the record what most are only prepared to say off the record. "They have no understanding at all of how a newspaper works. I gave a lecture once at a course for trainee PRs — though God knows what they teach them — and I went round the newsroom. I asked dozens of people to name the best PR in London, and they all said the same: there isn't one. My first gesture, at the lecture, was to produce a foot-high pile of press releases from my bag, and say 'This is the first thing I do when I get to work each morning', then I dropped them all in a bin."

In general, whether or not a release from a PR is opened on its way to the bin is largely a matter of the company name. Some firms send product launches disguised as stories, others just send brand updates disguised as product launches. The longer and glossier the press release, the more rubbish the story — always.

"A press release really has no more than a one in a thousand chance of getting in the paper," says Johnson. "But there are lazy journalists who will take the stuff straight out and use it. PRs depend on a sort of tit-for-tat relationship with them. Their manner is so offensive. They call up using only their Christian name, and address you by yours. There are no more than four or five good PRs in the arts — like Erica Bolton, who understands a story, and doesn't pester. It is a motormouth profession that has always attracted very silly people, with no understanding of the media, and no vision."

But this is a world in which the PR professional orchestrates every aspect of public life — and names like Max Clifford, Matthew Freud, Lynne Franks, and Tim Bell often court as much column space as their clients — it is bizarre to reflect that there was ever a world without them, that a public (or occasionally private) figure's "image" was manipulated by anybody but themselves.

But today the PR industry employs 40,000 people and turns over £1 billion a year. It is second only to journalism as the most sought-after career by graduates (who see the example of Julia Carling, perhaps, as indicative of the dizzy heights attainable by an ex-PR), and nobody takes his or her head out of a paper bag without consulting one. Furthermore, a 1994 survey by the Public Relations Consultants Association claimed that 10-20 per cent of national newspaper stories are PR-driven.

But Bernard Docherty, of Laister Dixon, who represents Tina Turner, Paul McCartney and the Rolling Stones, laments the mystique that attaches itself to PR. "It is not so mysterious," he says. "It is just about getting to know what the papers want, and then using all the tricks to make sure they get it. There is no mystique."

The most notorious publicist of all, Max Clifford, is less oblique. "Lies and deceit are important weapons," he says, "and I am the only one who admits it. If you ask me whether my client is gay, I say 'no, he is not', knowing full well that he is."

Veteran PR Liz Brewer laments the fact that "every other girl you meet now has a card that say 'PR' on it", and with the professionals suggesting the proliferation of lies and fakers, you just don't know where to turn.

As a rule Freud Communications are considered useful for freebies, but often talk a better story than is ultimately produced. Lowe-Bell are famed for being well-connected and smooth, but are as sharp as any, whereas Aurelia are thought genuinely pukka — the Hon Aurelia Cecil has all the top parties, but loyalty to her aristocratic clients keeps any true dirt from being dished. David Burnside, of DBA, places a lot of very big stories, as does Peter Thomson, the doyen on West End theatre, who does for Andrew Lloyd Webber and Cameron MacIntosh.

If the media can manage without the new middleman, the question returns to whether the stars can survive without them? "That depends," says Clifford. "Look at Pamela Anderson, she had Stuart Higgins instead. Two years ago he decided that she was a good thing for *The Sun*, and she was made. Look at Cliff Richard. That stunt at Wimbledon was priceless, I heard Mark Borkowski had a hand in it, but you never know."

This is the point, you never do know. Borkowski is more familiar to journalists for attempts to promote products, from Action Man to the Albert Hall, with glib stunts. As Clifford says: "You can promote *anything*."

Last May Borkowski lured half a dozen national newspaper journalists, three television crews and two radio reporters to the Albert Hall to spend a night waiting for a ghost. Each was told that they would be alone. The outrage of each individual, conned into travelling to Kensington after midnight, was directed at the PR company for lying about exclusivity. It is the triumph of PR that nobody thought to complain about the absence of ghosts.

Worries as BBC's golden age draws to a close

Commercial expansion is the only way forward, says **Eric Reguly**

THE BBC was positively brimming with optimism yesterday. John Birt, the Director-General, and Sir Christopher Bland, the new Chairman, spoke about a "golden period" in programme making. They unveiled charts showing that the share of the viewing and listening audience had held steady, in spite of an onslaught from competing services. Financially, the BBC was as healthy as it has ever been; it could even afford to raise Birt's pay by £27,000 to almost £300,000.

In short, the 1995-96 reports and accounts showed that the BBC was "in fine creative shape, leaner and fitter, and ready to face the challenges of the digital era."

Why then, is the BBC management so terrified? The answer, it seems, is that the golden age is drawing to a close. The television and radio market in Britain is becoming increasingly competitive. Channel 5, the newest terrestrial service, is to begin broadcasting next year, and satellite and cable television channels are coming on strong.

Big pay rise: John Birt

It used to be that all of the people watched BBC most of the time. In the near future, it is likely that only some of the people will watch it only some of the time. The BBC's nightmare scenario is a general rebellion. As the service becomes less popular and the market more fragmented, how much longer can it justify squeezing the public for an ever-increasing licence fee? It is now £89.50 a year, up from £86.50.

The BBC has held up fairly well so far. According to the lastest figures, its share of the viewing and listening audience held steady at 45 per cent in 1995-96, down only marginally from 46 per cent two years ago. The proportion of UK householders viewing and listening to at least two hours of BBC programming a week also held steady, at 95 per cent. Although BBC2 is under pressure, the more popular BBC1 is making a comeback against ITV. ITV's weekly average viewing share fell from 39 per cent to 37 per cent, while BBC1's remained unchanged at 32 per cent.

On the financial front, the news was equally cheery. Licence-fee income rose 9 per cent to £1.82 billion and borrowings, which fell by half to £35 million, should be eliminated by the end of the year. Another round of redundancies — the number of home-services employees fell by 850 during the year — has created "efficiency savings" of some £100 million, on top of the £200 million in annual savings already achieved since 1992-93.

But this is as good as it is going to get. Clearly, the BBC cannot rely forever on redundancy savings or substantial rises in licence fee income. At best, that income will rise by the rate of inflation. The BBC has to develop an alternative source of income so it can, for example, bid for sports rights — lack of funds lost it the Grand Prix and the FA Cup last year — and finance quality productions such as *Pride and Prejudice*.

This is where Bob Phillis, the BBC's deputy-director general, comes in. Mr Phillis is the former chief executive of ITN and has been at the BBC for 3½ years. He recognises the danger of relying almost exclusively on licence-fee income.

Phillis's vehicle for developing a second stream of income is BBC Worldwide, where he was recently made chief executive. The two-year-old company is the BBC's commercial arm and is charged with licensing and distributing the BBC's programming around the world, publishing magazines such as *Top Gear* and books such as *Delia Smith's Winter Collection*, and selling the BBC World Service.

BBC Worldwide had a turnover of £338 million in the year and contributed £77 million, up from £53 million in the previous year, directly to the BBC. In the overall scheme of things, it does not add up to much, but Phillis has ambitious plans. Publicly he says he intends to double or triple the division's contributions to the BBC within ten years; privately, he hopes to go much farther. If the BBC is to thrive, he has to.

The BBC has to create, and retain control of, new channels and form partnerships to exploit new markets. It has to start pay-channels and launch fee-paying services such as video-on-demand and CD-Rom publishing. The BBC will never become a wholly commercial service but going half way, it appears, is its best hope of survival.

Fleet Street sells a cut-price success story

The fiercest price war in the history of Fleet Street was launched three years ago this month when News International cut the price of *The Sun* by 5p to 20p. It was a dramatic marketing tactic aimed at reversing years of declining sales of national newspapers and was followed, two months later, by a reduction in the price of *The Times* by 15p to 30p. Within a year almost every newspaper had joined in.

Now, three years on, some newspaper commentators are asking if the tactic really worked and suggesting that millions of pounds have been thrown away in lost profits, advertising on television and ever more desperate reader promotions — all to achieve an overall increase in sales of national daily newspapers of just 38,000 a day.

Even though that 38,000 is at least up instead of down, they have a point. Sales figures in June were even more depressing for the Editors of the *Express* and *Independent* titles than they were three years ago. Nor was there any real comfort for the Mirror Group titles (apart from *The People*) or the new Editors of *The Observer*.

Adding to the grief, all the daily and Sunday tabloids sold fewer copies last month than in January. Month on month, sales of the daily tabloids were down by 157,750 (in spite of Euro 96) and year on year by 76,700. Since January, only five of the 19 national newspapers, all broadsheets, have increased sales.

So, yes, newspaper sales remain in seemingly inexorable decline, despite the price war. Yet the overall trend conceals significant successes which show that even the Editors and owners of the *Express* or *Independent* titles should not despair. Victory can still be snatched from the jaws of defeat.

Until the early 1970s, the *Daily Mirror* was the undisputed — if complacent — king of the mass-market. Once *The Sun* was bought by Rupert Murdoch and edited by Larry Lamb, it captured the mood of the times and quickly overtook the *Daily Mirror*. It has remained ahead ever since.

Yet three years ago, sales were beginning to slip. They were down from more than 4 million in the late 1980s to 3.4 million by June 1993. A year later, sales were back at 4.1 million and slipped only marginally below 4 million last month for the first time this year. When *The Sun* cut its price, its lead over the *Daily Mirror* was 825,000 a day. Three years later it is 1.5 million a day. On a five-year trend (see table), the *Daily Mirror* has dropped by 500,000 as *The Sun* has risen by 335,000.

The same story has occurred in the middle market, where the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*, once the undisputed market leaders, have been overtaken by the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday*. Over the past five years, the *Daily Mail* is up by 335,000, against a fall of 340,000 for the *Daily Express*. On Sundays, the *Mail* is up by 152,000. Meanwhile the *Sunday Express* has plummeted by 436,000 and now sells fewer copies than *The Sunday Times*.

Yet the biggest success story has been *The Times*, which established a new record sale last month — obviously helped by selling at 10p on Mondays for the summer of sport — of 724,839. That meant that sales have now doubled since 1993, repeating the success of *The Daily Telegraph* when it cut its price from twopence to a penny in 1930. Three years ago *The Times* lagged 650,000 behind *The Daily Telegraph*. The gap has now narrowed to 330,000.

It is easy to buy quick circulation fixes in Fleet Street. A serialisation of a sensational book, advertised on television on a Sunday night, always boosts sales — which quickly fall back once the serial is over. What has been remarkable about *The Times* since 1993 is that readers who were tempted to buy the paper at a cheaper price have obviously enjoyed what they read — a paper radically reorganised four years ago to be more reader-friendly — and carried on buying it. New readers who buy the 10p *Times* on Monday buy the 30p *Times* the rest of the week.

Successful newspapers always have editors with flair and courage and/or owners who love newspapers. That is as true of *The Guardian* or *The Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph*, which have also been successes in the past five years, as it is of *The Sun*, the *Daily Mail* (which did not cut its price) or *The Times*. Yet editors with flair and courage do not always run successful newspapers. Sometimes their papers are stuck with the wrong image. Sometimes their owners fail to broadcast their merits or to support them through difficult times. There has been no more successful a tactic in helping those editors in this generation than the price war.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE IN FLEET STREET, 1991-1996

	1996	+/- on January	+/- June 95	+/- June 91
Sun	3,970,155	-158,330	-16,875	+335,335
Mirror	2,408,455	-151,597	-194,110	-503,447
Star	667,453	-105,764	-58,782	-188,011
Mail	2,038,039	-27,946	+264,786	+335,917
Express	1,219,591	-46,376	-38,160	-340,649
Telegraph	1,054,314	+1,168	-18,121	+2,242
Times	724,839	+36,847	+42,420	+332,321
Guardian	391,062	-17,124	-714	-22,007
Independent	272,928	-19,481	-30,345	-104,334
F.T.	300,889	+5,777	+6,788	
N.O.W.	4,585,807	-131,949	-96,166	-194,293
S. Mirror	2,412,005	-104,108	-215,511	-360,455
People	2,036,302	-58,503	+1,154	-241,484
M.O.S.	2,045,139	-89,806	+80,048	+152,929
S. Express	1,202,354	-84,429	-164,478	-436,163
S. Times	1,296,678	+442	+28,720	+158,405
Observer	443,348	-6,181	-8,193	-126,536
S. Telegraph	683,819	+4,867	-22,030	+128,536
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NEWS

US-style welfare cuts under review

■ Radical proposals for privatising the welfare state and slashing spending on education are being examined by the Treasury as possible ways of cutting the size of the State in the next century.

Ideas imported from the Republicans in America include reducing benefits for teenage mothers, time-limiting benefits and extending private insurance to cover pensions, sickness and unemployment .... **Page 1**

Princess resigns from 93 charities

■ The Princess of Wales has left nearly 100 British and Commonwealth charities shocked and disappointed after she resigned as their patron. In the first move towards her new life as a semi-detached member of the Royal Family, she has cut her workload to just six charities .... **Pages 1, 5**

Clinton backs down

President Clinton bowed to pressure from Europe to reach a highly political compromise over US sanctions against countries trading with Cuba .... **Page 1**

Portillo concessions

Michael Portillo has averted a Tory backbench rebellion over the proposed sale of the armed forces' married quarters by offering MPs a range of concessions .... **Page 1**

Record donation

Wafic Said, a Middle-Eastern businessman, has broken all records with a £20-million donation to Oxford University to found a business school .... **Pages 1, 2**

Troops withdrawn

Up to 500 troops have been withdrawn from Northern Ireland in a signal from the RUC and the Army that they believe the security crisis has abated .... **Page 2**

QC bowls wrong 'un

Ian Botham, the cricketer, underwent an hour of savage cross-questioning by the leading libel lawyer George Carman, QC, in the High Court as he was challenged over whether he told the truth .... **Page 3**

History appeal

Nick Tate, the Government's curriculum chief, has made a personal appeal to save the study of British political history at GCSE .... **Page 6**

Prayer book change

The Church of England has approved changes to its prayer book where references to God as male were removed and the words "fellow men" changed to neighbour .... **Page 7**

Domesday verdict

A group of Essex villages mentioned in the *Domesday Book* have lost their battle in the High Court to halt a huge housing development .... **Page 9**

New beef doubts

The safety of British beef by-products has been thrown into question again by a new scientific report from the European Commission .... **Page 10**

Yeltsin meets Gore

President Yeltsin confounded speculation about his health by appearing his normal self when he met Al Gore, the American Vice-President .... **Page 11**

Mass grave search

UN workers will this week open a mass grave at Nova Kasaba, in an area where up to 2,700 Muslims are believed to have been buried after the fall of Srebrenica .... **Page 12**

Blockade plan

The Israeli Government has announced plans to ease the 19-week blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip which has kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from their jobs .... **Page 13**

Hair police deal blow for equality

■ *One of the great inequalities between the sexes may soon be* ended in New York. The city intends to ban hairdressers from charging women more than men to have their regular wash and blow-dry. Undercover agents discovered that hair salons regularly charged women some 20 per cent more than men for near-identical treatments .... **Page 13**

Scruffy, a badger adopted by a Barnsley woman, which is now house-trained and lives on a diet of dog food and custard creams

BUSINESS

Economy: The Chancellor's assertion only last week that public borrowing is clearly on a downward trend came into question after figures showed a much larger than expected PSBR in June .... **Page 25**

Channel: Cross channel ferry operators have been given a boost by the Department of Trade in the battle for market share against Eurotunnel .... **Page 25**

Water: Yorkshire Water, which was fined by the industry regulator over its handling of last year's drought, faces a battle with shareholders over the appointment of its new chairman .... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 66.0 points to close at 3632.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.2 to 85.5 .... **Page 28**

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Golf: The possibility of John Daly retaining his Open Championship title grew when it was suggested that his style may be suited to the Royal Lytham and St Annes course .... **Page 48**

Olympic Games: Dean Capobianco, an Australian sprinter, and Antonella Bevilacqua, an Italian high jumper, tested positive for banned substances .... **Page 48**

Football: Birmingham City, the ambitious Nationwide League first division club, have paid a club record to sign Paul Furlong, a forward, from Chelsea .... **Page 48**

Cricket: Lancashire, the Benson and Hedges Cup winners, were brought down to earth at Edgbaston when Warwickshire beat them by 13 runs .... **Page 42**

ARTS

Prom firsts: The new director of the *Proms concerts*, Nicholas Kenyon, opens his first season on Friday. He will have trouble matching his predecessor's provocative premiere .... **Page 32**

Lulu staged: Glyndebourne has produced Alban Berg's steamy opera of lust and murder, *Lulu*, for the first time. A superb musical performance but the staging is muddled .... **Page 33**

On the wing: The Lyric, Hammersmith brings William Wharton's novel *Birdy* to the stage. Better than the Alan Parker film, says Benedict Nightingale .... **Page 34**

His ladies: Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand are appearing at the Café Royal — as impersonated by Jim Bailey .... **Page 34**

TOMORROW

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■ GOLF GUIDE
A 24-page guide to the Open Championship includes a chance to take a friend for a free round of golf

■ BOOKS.
Reviews by Julia Neuberger, Matthew Parris, Peter Ackroyd

FEATURES

Wild times: Alan Root, film-maker, has had part of his leg torn off by a gorilla, his bottom chewed by a leopard and lost a finger to a puff adder. He has also had an Oscar nomination for a film about an anthill .... **Page 15**

Surgical sideshow: Siamese twins attract national attention. They awaken a macabre curiosity and have become exhibits for the demonstration of modern medical magic .... **Page 15**

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Class act: Paul Frith, the latest designer to be tempted by the mainstream market, says it is far more difficult designing for a high street store, in his case Bhs .... **Page 14**

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On the hop: Radio 4 may be on FM, but if you want to listen to it all the way to Wales, it is long wave that stays with you up hill and down dale .... **Page 22**

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Boris Yeltsin has once again caused the world to hold its breath. By postponing his meeting with US Vice-President Al Gore, he has given the Kremlin astrologers a merry time. There is so much speculation over the 65-year-old Yeltsin's health. Russia will not be at peace with a leader whose health causes almost daily speculation

— *Die Welt*

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Preview: Stalkers in Los Angeles take on both the law and the police. *Inside Story* (BBC1, 9.30pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on the fashion for long-winded documentaries .... **Page 47**

OPINION

Treasury 2005

A central government role is, or should be, to prepare for the future. While ministers have been tumbling from day to day, it is good to read that the Treasury has been looking forward. Today *The Times* publishes extracts from a Treasury assessment of the decade ahead .... **Page 17**

Tibet's voice

The Dalai Lama is willing to negotiate with Peking on an agenda that "does not include independence" for Tibet. Since Deng Xiaoping is on record that "anything except independence can be discussed and resolved", Peking has no case for refusing talks .... **Page 17**

Old stones

The Stone of Scone derives its power not from what it is, a rock, but what it is believed to be: a symbol of Scottish pride .... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Another summer and another "marching season". The strangled accents of Ulstermen trading insults rasp across the radio waves. History that elsewhere rests with Guy Fawkes and the King of Spain's Beard is here recalled with the thud of a bomb and the crack of an Armalite .... **Page 16**

ALAN COREN

Literature itself has moved on, and if, in 1996, a book is to be worth writing, it has to end up as far more than a mere half-pound of assorted syllables gummed down one edge. It has to be the fulcrum of lucrative spin-offs .... **Page 16**

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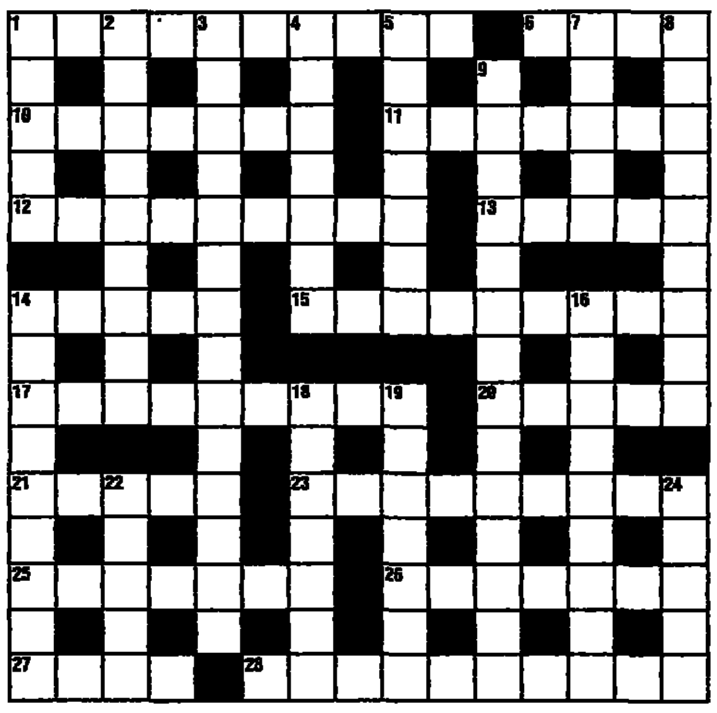

ACROSS

1 Obsequious type getting kick with spirits, say (10).
6 Marx, nonetheless, unwanted in party? (4).
10 Revolutionary device going backwards and forwards (7).
11 Way to embrace during dance sequence (7).
12 Woman apt to switch starters on menu (9).
13 The girl I grumble about (5).
14 Conservative member's rise in social status (5).
15 Powerless to protect a number impossible to defend (9).
17 Fruit easy to digest is the focus of attention (9).
20 Revive motoring competition (5).
21 Dogmatist's extensive collection of religious books (5).
23 Citadel's produce raised in a poor soil (9).
25 Creepy-crawly makes girl take cover (7).
26 Sharpness of detective inspector, initially in an urban environment (7).
27 Constant not involving fractions (4).
28 Dominated by Victoria, say? Don't exaggerate! (10).

DOWN

1 Tramp crossing river to a country out East (5).
2 Old way to suppress ethnic prejudice that increases Coventry's population (9).
3 Farrar's alternative title gradually revealed (6,2,6).
4 Ruminant West Indian almost getting out (7).
5 Composer, in set pieces, is solemn (7).
7 Spanish friend observed Russian fighter entering a ring (5).
8 Recipes revised extremely liberally? Just so (9).
9 Management goes for temporary patching up (7,7).
14 Establish fixed scale as a politician, in case (9).
16 Dance around a top-class king with a stringed instrument (9).
18 News about city theologian makes us rejoice (7).
19 Artist occupying office in row of houses (7).
22 Spirit, in general, that's in short supply (5).
24 Old writer's phraseology (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,221

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 H N U R B O E
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   L N I E   R
STUD   NINETIES
 E E L G T A L
ALTRUISM   BAYS
 E   T A A U
IGNITE CAVALIER
 R N R H E A L
MARC ALIENATION
 P U T N U O P
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 37 per cent of the solo competitors in the Birmingham Regional Final of *The Times* Aberlour Crossword Championship and by 40 per cent of the pairs.

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Sun rises: 5.04 am	Sun sets: 9.09 pm
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☐ **General:** England and Wales will be dry with sunshine, which will be prolonged in the west; slightly reduced in the east by patchy cloud. The east or northeast wind will be quite fresh over southern counties, and will keep North Sea coasts on the cool side. Central and western parts, though, will be rather warm. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry with good sunny spells. Winds will be light.

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** dry with sunny spells. Wind east or northeast, moderate or fresh. Chilly on exposed coasts. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **E England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** dry with sunny spells. Wind mainly variable, light, but local sea breezes. Cool on coasts. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry with good sunny periods. Wind mainly southeast, light, but local sea breezes. Max 24C (75F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:** dry. Cloudy at times, but also sunny spells. Wind mainly southwest light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Shetland:** rather cloudy, perhaps a little drizzle. Wind mainly northwest, light or moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** remaining dry, becoming warmer.

Pollen forecast: N Scotland, London: moderate; Midlands, E Anglia, NE England, SE England: moderate to high; S Scotland, N Ireland, Wales, SW England: high. Counts will be lower near coasts.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright, c=cloud, d=drizzle, ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair, fg=fog, g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=showers; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	15.1	-	21	70	s	Leuchars	14.2	-	17	63	s
Anglesey	17.2	-	21	70	s	London	7.2	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	14.3	-	21	70	s	Lowestoft	5.0	-	17	63	s
Aviemore	12.1	-	23	73	s	Manchester	11.9	-	20	68	s
Belfast	15.5	-	19	66	s	Margate	8.4	-	18	64	s
Birmingham	9.6	-	20	68	s	Minehead	9.0	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	12.0	-	21	70	s	Morecambe	12.1	-	21	70	s
Bristol	13.0	-	21	70	s	Newquay	14.3	-	20	68	s
Buxton	8.8	-	18	64	s	Norwich	6.4	-	18	64	s
Cardiff	14.2	-	21	70	s	Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Clacton	8.6	-	15	59	s	Ross-on-wye	11.6	-	22	72	s
Cromer	7.6	-	16	61	s	Ryde	12.2	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	12.4	-	15	59	s	Salcombe	13.4	-	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	12.5	-	20	68	s	Sandown	11.9	-	19	66	s
Exmouth	13.9	-	18	64	s	Saunton Snd	14.5	-	23	73	s
Falmouth	13.2	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	9.8	-	20	68	s
Fishguard	14.3	-	21	70	s	Skegness	8.7	-	16	61	s
Glasgow	15.2	-	23	73	s	Southport	12.0	-	21	70	s
Guernsey	11.3	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	9.8	-	19	66	s
Hayling I	12.4	-	21	70	s	Swanage	12.3	-	18	64	s
Herne Bay	6.8	-	17	63	s	Teignmouth	14.0	-	18	64	s
Hove	10.4	-	21	70	b	Tiree	14.8	-	16	61	s
Isle of Man	15.6	-	17	63	s	Torquay	14.4	-	20	68	s
Jersey	13.9	-	20	68	s	Ventnor	13.2	-	19	66	s
Leeds	7.8	-	21	70	s	West-s-mare	14.6	-	22	72	s
Lerwick	6.9	0.01	13	55	sh	Weymouth	13.7	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	s	C'phagn	15	59	c	Malaga	24	75	s	S Paulo	14	57	c
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Dublin	15	59	f	Malta	30	86	s	Salzburg	27	81	f
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Melb'rne	12	54	f	Santiago	8	46	c
Algiers	26	79	s	Faro	29	84	s	Mexico C	22	72	f	Seoul	22	72	r
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Florence	30	86	s	Miami	32	90	s	Sing'por	26	79	r
Athens	35	95	s	Frankfurt	24	75	c	Milan	29	84	s	St'holm	19	66	s
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Bangkok	33	91	c	Gibraltar	24	75	c	Munich	25	77	f	Tangier	26	79	f
Barbados	30	86	s	Helsinki	16	61	c	N Delhi	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Barcelona	29	84	s	Hong K	32	90	f	N York	27	81	s	Tenerife	33	91	s
Beirut	28	82	f	Innsbrck	28	82	f	Nairobi	24	75	f	Tokyo	31	88	s
Belgrade	30	86	s	Istanbul	30	86	s	Naples	30	86	s	Toronto	21	70	c
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Biarritz	26	79	s	Karachi	X	X	X	Paris	24	75	c	Vanc'ver	18	64	s
Bordx	31	88	f	L Angels	23	73	f	Peking	29	84	c	Venice	31	88	s
Brussels	21	70	s	L Palmas	29	84	s	Perth	16	61	c	Vienna	28	82	f
Budapest	30	86	f	Le Touq	22	72	f	Prague	20	68	c	Warsaw	21	70	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	31	88	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c	Wash'ton	28	82	f
Cape Tn	X	X	X	Locarno	27	81	s	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	c
Ch'church	8	46	c	Luxembg	20	68	c	Rio de J	18	64	f	Zurich	28	82	s
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Cologne	21	70	f	Madrid	31	88	s	Rome	29	84	s				
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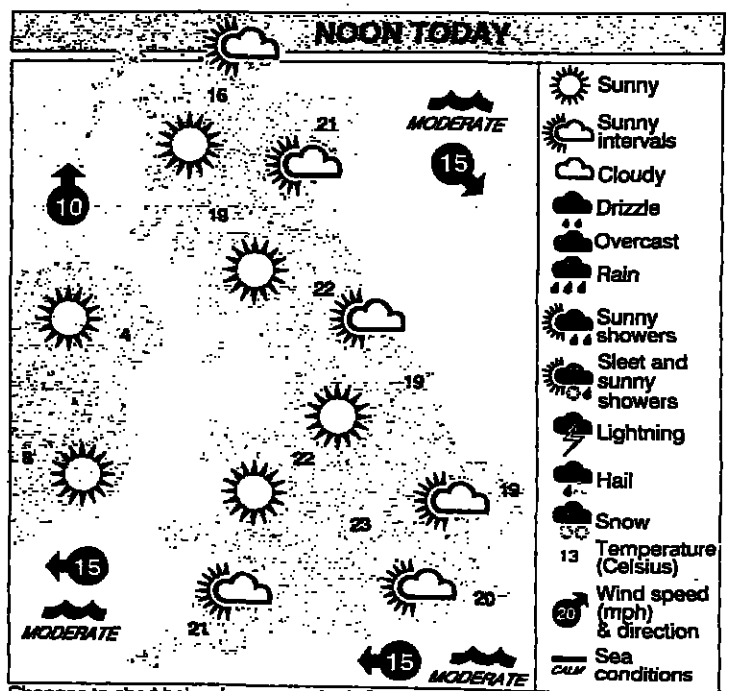

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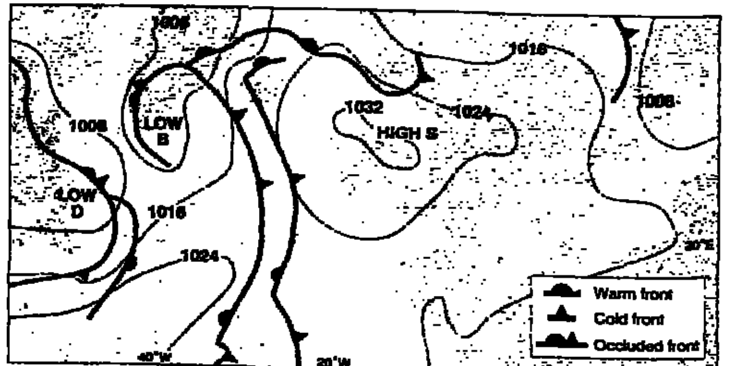

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Aberdeen	2.07	4.1	2.32	4.0	Liverpool	-	-	12.17	8.7
Avonmouth	8.09	12.3	8.23	12.5	Lowestoft	10.22	2.5	11.00	2.3
Belfast	-	-	12.16	3.2	Margate	1.04	4.5	1.07	4.5
Cardiff	7.59	11.6	8.13	11.9	Milford Haven	7.08	6.4	7.20	6.5
Devonport	6.34	5.0	6.47	5.2	Newquay	5.55	6.4	6.14	6.6
Dover	-	-	12.12	6.5	Oban	6.42	3.8	6.49	3.9
Dublin (N Wall)	0.11	3.9	12.34	3.7	Penzance	5.36	5.1	5.52	5.3
Falmouth	5.59	4.7	6.19	5.1	Portland	7.45	1.8	7.54	2.0
Greenock	1.17	3.3	1.57	3.0	Portsmouth	-	-	12.22	4.5
Harwich	0.41	3.7	12.56	3.8	Shoreham	-	-	12.21	5.9
Holyhead	11.18	5.1	11.30	5.4	Southampton	11.45	4.3	11.58	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	7.06	7.1	7.33	6.8	Swansea	7.14	8.8	7.26	9.0
Ilfracombe	7.00	8.7	7.11	8.9	Tees	4.29	5.1	4.53	4.9
King's Lynn	7.09	6.4	7.28	6.2	Walton-on-Naze	0.32	4.0	12.49	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: no significant rain; highest sunshine: Isle of Man, 15.6hr

RNLI RESCUE UPDATE - 13 JULY 1996

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Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year:	1,595
Cost to RNLI per day:	£173,000
Cost to taxpayer:	£0
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P&O and Stena permitted to end Channel 'ferry war'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE creation of a multi-billion pound ferry group to compete on equal terms with Eurotunnel came a crucial step closer yesterday when the Government gave P&O and Stena approval to enter into merger talks.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, lifted a 17-year-old ban on commercial negotiations between the two leading ferry companies after an appeal from Lord Sterling, chairman of P&O. Mr Lang said: "I do not believe that I would be justified in maintaining restrictions on P&O in relation to a possible merger with Stena beyond the normal consideration that would be given to such a transaction under competition legislation." The Government's decision to reverse the ban, which also applied to Hoverspeed, follows an intense price war on the Channel routes triggered by the competition from Le Shuttle, Eurotunnel's train service.

Ferry ticket prices are down by as much as two thirds on last summer with profit margins cut to the bone. The cost of a return crossing for a car and up to five passengers has fallen to as low as £49. There has also been a sharp rise in the number of daily crossings between Dover and Calais from 65 to more than 80 since Stena's split from SNAT, its French counterpart.

The announcement will send shock waves through the 5,000-strong P&O and Stena workforces in Dover. It was warmly welcomed by the ferry companies, which have been badly hit by the outbreak of "ferry wars" since the Channel Tunnel opened. Lord Sterling said: "I am glad that at last the Government is allowing us to act in a commercial manner. The cross-Channel ferry market entered a new phase with the opening of Eurotunnel. The Government has finally recognised this.

"We have always said that, even with the strong market growth we are seeing, there is too much capacity, and rationalisation is needed. We can now get ahead with looking at how best to achieve this."

Gareth Cooper, managing director of Stena Line, said dismantling the restrictions "may be of benefit to the whole industry". He added: "Our preferred strategy remains to establish a strong, stand-alone business on Dover-Calais, but we have always said we will listen to any suggestions that might now arise from competitors in the light of today's announcement."

Eurotunnel also welcomed the announcement. John Noulton, the company's director of public affairs, said: "This is a sensible decision. The competitive situation on the Channel has changed radically since the undertakings were given." The announcement comes as Eurotunnel approaches the completion of its protracted and highly complex £8 billion refinancing talks with its 225 banks.

Talks between Stena and P&O executives about co-operating on the short Channel routes are expected to begin within weeks. Any merger would still need to clear British and European competition rules.

Mr Lang's decision went beyond the recommendation of John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, who had advised lifting only a 1979 ban on talks about fares and pooling of fleets. Mr Lang said a 1982 agreement not to enter into merger negotiations should also be scrapped.

The agreements were confirmed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 1989 and the most recent request for them to be lifted was rejected in 1993 by Sir Tim Sainsbury, who was then Trade Minister.

PSBR rise setback for Clarke strategy

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer's assertion — only last week — that public borrowing is clearly on a downward trend came into question yesterday after figures showed a much larger than expected public sector borrowing requirement in June.

Taking out privatisation proceeds, the figures showed that the level of borrowing in the first three months of the current tax year is £700 million above the total seen in the same period last year.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that the figure left him feeling uncomfortable.

The PSBR in June was £3.6 billion, well above the £3 billion expected in the City. In addition, May's PSBR was revised up by £300 million. Together, this took the cumulative PSBR this year, including privatisation, to £10.7 billion, compared with £11.3 billion.

However, taking out privatisation, the cumulative totals are £12 billion, compared with £11.3 billion at the same stage last year.

In his *Summer Economic Forecast*, Kenneth Clarke revised his 1995 Budget forecast of a £22.4 billion PSBR to £26.9 billion.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that the June PSBR was inflated by a bunching of interest payments in June and added that the Government was still confident about hitting its new target.

But Andrew Smith, Shadow Chief Secretary, said: "It is alarming that the underlying trend of public borrowing — that is excluding privatisation receipts — is still worse than last year's dismal performance."

Giving testimony to the Commons Treasury Select Committee on the *Summer Economic Forecast* yesterday, Mr George said that he was aware that the public deficit was not falling as steeply as it had been thought previously. After yesterday's figures, he suggested that the decline was now even shallower. The Governor also warned that, after the last of Mr Clarke's four recent quarter-point cuts in interest rates, he thought that there was a greater chance of the Government hitting its inflation target in two years' time. But he acknowledged that the move would not have a dramatic impact on the risks.

Mr George told the select committee that the 4.25 per cent consumer spending growth that the Chancellor is predicting for next year would not be compatible for very long with the inflation target, and would not be sustainable.

He said that interest rates would have to be raised at some point in time but he refused to speculate on when this might be.

The Governor gave the impression in his testimony that he broadly agrees with Mr Clarke's positive assessment of the economy, although he is somewhat more pessimistic on inflation.

Mr George said that he also expected growth to pick up from now on, mainly because of stronger consumer spending. He also added that things were set fair for higher investment and that exports would pick up once Europe showed stronger signs of recovery.

City analysts said that yesterday's PSBR figures were disappointing. Receipts are coming in below expectations and there is a small overshoot on public spending plans.

Debt interest payments added about £800 million to borrowing in June but analysts noted that this was nearly offset by the receipt of £700 million in extra VAT receipts because of a change in the timing of payments by large companies.

The Treasury noted that it had been expecting £1.2 billion in VAT and the rest should come through in July.

Officials were confident that yesterday's figures were largely worse than expected because of timing distortions, rather than as the result of a fundamental deterioration in the Government's finances.

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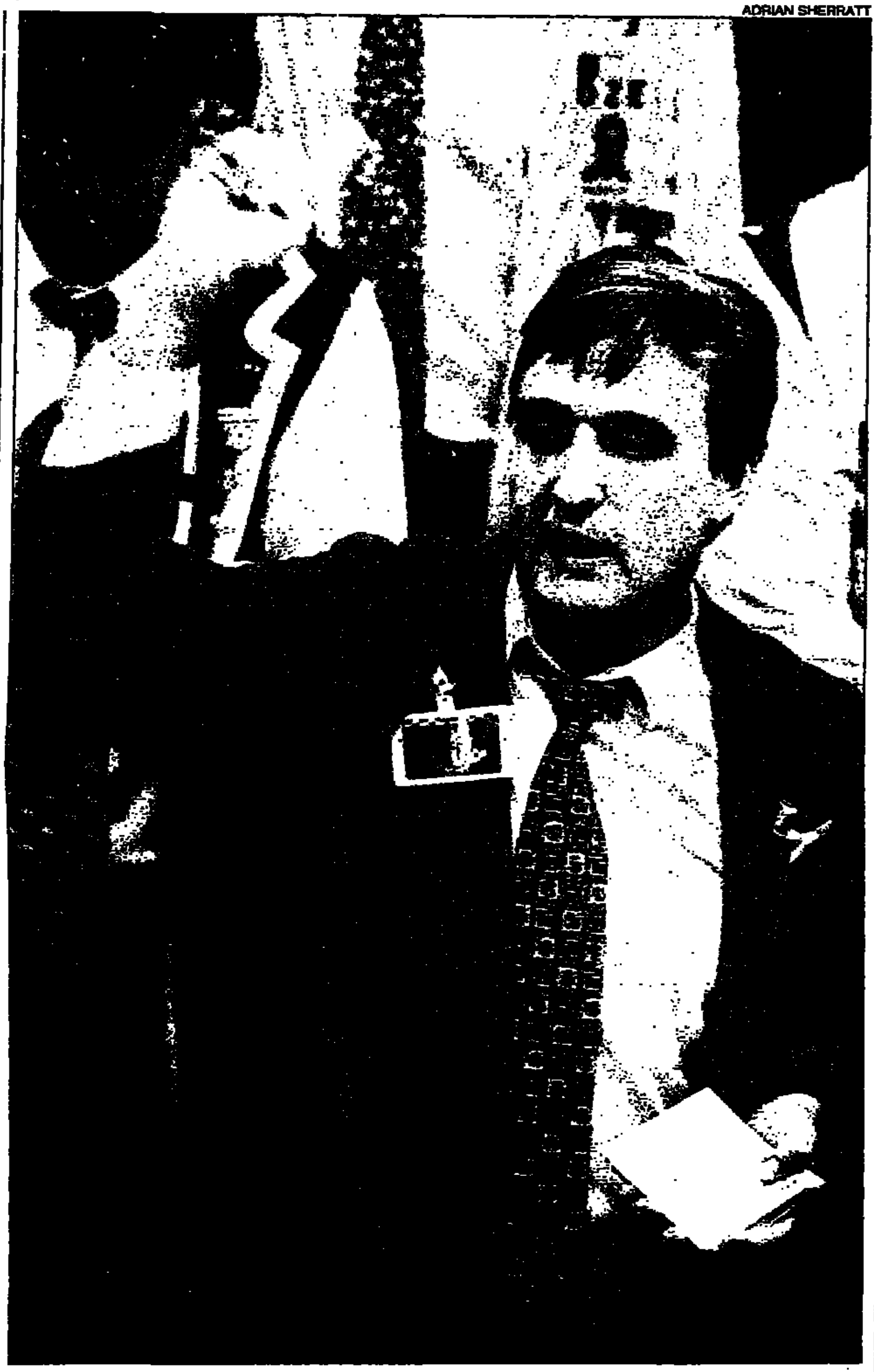

A trader on the London International Financial Futures Exchange yesterday

London hit by Wall Street roller-coaster

BY JANET BUSH

THE threat of meltdown on Wall Street spread to European stock markets yesterday and London posted its biggest one-day fall in more than two years.

Favourable inflation figures from America, showing a rise of only 0.1 per cent in consumer prices in June, appeared to stabilise US shares briefly yesterday afternoon after their plunge of 161 points on Monday. European stocks lifted off their lows but then Wall Street tumbled again.

After European markets closed, the Dow Jones industrial average whip-sawed wildly. At one point, it plunged 160 points, recovered 60 points in ten minutes, then recouped all the losses of the day to register as unchanged in mid afternoon trading.

In London, the FT-SE 100 index at one point fell 85 points to a new 1996 low of 3,612.6. It recovered a little to end 66 points lower at 3,632.3. At one point, the German stock market was quoted 3 per cent lower and the French market was down around 2 per cent.

The turmoil stems mostly from America, where the mood has turned viciously negative in the stock market, if not in the bond market which has held up relatively well. George Magnus, chief economist at UBS, said that strong jobs figures in the US, which strengthened speculation about a rate rise, had been a catalyst for the selling. But the fundamental reason for Wall Street's woes is that the market is overvalued.

European markets have been hit despite the fact that they are not deemed to be overvalued and there is no imminent threat of higher rates. Yesterday, Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, felt the need to calm fears of higher German rates, although only days ago traders were talking about a cut.

The dollar slumped to DM1.4860, its lowest level against the mark for three months. Sterling dropped three pfennigs against the mark but gained a cent against the dollar.

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Nuclear investors suffered another unnerving day yesterday as shares in British Energy fell further. The shares, issued at 100p, fell 3p to 91p, after touching 89p. Nearly £100 million has been wiped from the value of the nuclear generator in two days.

Yorkshire Water investors urged to oppose new chief

BY JASON NISSE

YORKSHIRE WATER, which was fined £40 million by Ofwat, the industry regulator, because of its handling of last year's drought, faces a damaging battle with shareholders over the appointment of Brandon Gough, its new chairman.

Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy, is recommending investors oppose Mr Gough's appointment at next week's annual meeting because he will not be able to dedicate enough time to the job.

Mr Gough, 58, who chaired the accountants Coopers & Lybrand when they audited the Maxwell empire, lives in Kent, 200 miles from Yorkshire, is the director of three public companies and chairs two Government bodies. He will receive £120,000 a year and says that he can devote two days a week to the role, though this is not specified in his contract.

"There is an advantage to having a chairman based in London because of access to the City," Mr Gough said yesterday. "It is not a complicated company."

Anne Simpson of Pirc said the consultancy offered to drop its opposition if Mr Gough dropped some of his outside interests. "This is a company at a critical point in its development, with the regulator breathing down its neck. It is not a soft touch."

Pirc threw its weight behind the candidacy of Diana Scott, a customer who tried to get on to Yorkshire Water's board two years ago.

Leeds Utd manager could net £500,000

Wilkinson: takeover bonus

BY JASON NISSE

HOWARD WILKINSON, the manager of Leeds United, could receive a bonus of more than £500,000 if the £16.5 million deal to sell the Premiership football club to Caspian Group goes through.

Mr Wilkinson's contract, which was only agreed by the club in February, also says he will be paid his full salary and bonus until June 1999 if he is sacked at any time before that. The club has legal advice that this could cost £1.8 million.

Caspian's offer may trigger a "change of control clause" within Mr Wilkinson's contract, which gives him shares worth twice his annual salary if the club is taken over. The contract says he is paid £330,000 a year, but £50,000 of this is a guaranteed bonus and only around £170,000 is deemed "salary". However it is believed the clause could also apply to another annual payment of £110,000 within the contract, making the amount in Leeds shares he should receive £560,000.

Caspian has offered to pay £16.5 million for the entire share capital of Leeds, but this does not include Mr Wilkinson's shares. A spokeswoman for Caspian said it did not believe the clause would be triggered as it "involves the movement of people, not equity."

Caspian's offer has been accepted by Leslie Silver, Leeds chairman, and Bill Fotherby, managing director. Peter Gilman, Leeds's deputy chaiman and a 33 per cent shareholder, is rejecting the deal and has taken legal action to block it. Mr Gilman is expected today to write to shareholders urging them to reject Caspian's offer. He is backing a £20 million bid from Conrad, the leisurewear group.

The Caspian offer may also face problems because of a number of errors within the listing particulars for new Caspian shares being issued because of the bid. The mistakes include the wrong name for director Richard Thompson, the wrong company described as receiving £250,000 and a reference to Mr Thompson being a director of a company owned by ABN Amro, the Dutch bank

Caspian said the errors were not material and it did not expect the Stock Exchange to make it resubmit the listing particulars. Such a move would delay the bid because the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the deal can only take place three weeks after a revised document is sent out.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3632.3	(-66.0)
Yield	4.18%	
FT-SE A All share	1808.18	(-34.54)
Nikkei	21406.35	(-347.07)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5312.89	(-36.62)*
S&P Composite	622.44	(-7.36)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	86 29/32*	(86 27/32)
Yield	7.06%*	(7.06%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5 27/32%	(5 27/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	106 5/16	(106 15/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5590*	(1.5523)
London:		
$	1.5576	(1.5506)
DM	2.3242	(2.3546)
FFr	7.8744	(7.9780)
SFr	1.9046	(1.9442)
Yen	170.18	(171.08)
£ Index	85.5	(86.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4894*	(1.5158)
FFr	5.0480*	(5.1350)
SFr	1.2215*	(1.2500)
Yen	109.14*	(110.28)
$ Index	96.6	(97.4)

Tokyo close Yen 109.86

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$19.95	($20.00)

GOLD

London close	$385.45	($383.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Knight payout

Hundreds of elderly investors with Knight Williams, the firm of retirement income specialists now in liquidation, stand to receive compensation payments totalling up to £7 million after the former adviser was declared "in default" by the Investors Compensation Scheme.

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BAA takeoff

Shares in BAA rose against the market trend yesterday as the airport operator emerged largely unscathed from a review by its regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority. BAA will continue to be allowed by the CAA to run all three London airports.

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Clarke hails PFI benefits

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE *economy* "cannot afford to miss out on the gains to be had" from the Government's Private Finance Initiative, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said yesterday.

Mr Clarke's strong support for the beleaguered PFI, the public-private financial partnership for large infrastructure projects, which has been criticised for being slow and bureaucratic and for failing to generate sufficient funding, is a clear affirmation that the Government is standing by it.

The Chancellor accepted that the Government has been "fine-tuning" the PFI, and welcomed a new report on the initiative from the Confederation of British Industry, which proposed numerous changes.

He said the PFI "is now growing at a huge rate", with benefits for maintenance and operating firms.

Knight Williams investors set for up to £7m payback

By Robert Miller

HUNDREDS of elderly investors with Knight Williams, the controversial firm of retirement income specialists now in liquidation, stand to receive compensation payments totalling up to £7 million after the former adviser was declared "in default" by the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS).

The ICS, the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, yesterday said that Knight Williams was one of seven firms declared in default — a legal mechanism that triggers compensation payments up to a statutory maximum of £48,000 for each investor. The ICS move follows the failure of the previous arbitration and compensation channel established in 1994 by the Securities and Investments Board, which by last summer had received claims from some 400 KW investors. Shortly after the SIB notified the firm that it might expect a compensation bill of at least £2 million, Knight Williams & Co went into voluntary liquidation. Arthur Andersen, the KW liquidator, has now received potential claims from around 900 investors.

Intense pressure from more than 100 MPs and consumer bodies built up after elderly investors with the firm alleged they had been given unsuitable investment advice which had caused them to lose money.

The funding for the SIB-sponsored compensation channel was to have come from the £15 million which Knight Williams received last year from Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, which bought the £400 million of funds that KW managed on behalf of investors. The money was paid in cash and loan notes and was held in Knight Williams Porfolio Management, which is still trading.

The Knight Williams Action Group, headed by Kenneth Jordan, has campaigned over a number of years for compensation and last year accepted free help and advice in compiling a report on Knight Williams by Dibb Lupton, the law firm and Robson Rhodes, the accountant.

Commenting on yesterday's announcement Angela Knight, the Treasury Minister, welcomed the ICS move and added: "This is a sorry affair and I hope the decision will bring a satisfactory conclusion for many of those who have been so badly affected financially."

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DES JENSON

Top hat and tails: Charles Brine, left, Formal Group's chief executive, with Jeff Banks, the fashion designer, and Cathy Brookes, a model, after the company, which owns Pronuptia, Youngs Formal Wear and Cupid, won shareholder approval to acquire Blakes Menswear. Mr Banks acts as consultant designer. There is a one-for-50 share consolidation: Trading in the new shares begins tomorrow.

Think-tank reckons jobless total 4.3m

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S underlying unemployment is twice that indicated by government statistics, according to an independent jobs think-tank.

The Employment Policy Institute (EPI) yesterday published a new quarterly audit that puts the UK total at 4.3 million, 2 million more than the official figures.

Today the Government will announce its latest figures for *the numbers out of work and* claiming benefit, which ministers hope will show a further drop. Ministers are also examining a recommendation from the Office for National Statistics that monthly unemployment figures should be accompanied by monthly publication of the other main measure of unemployment, drawn from the quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS).

The independent EPI drew on published and unpublished LFS figures to produce its first quarterly audit, with the aim of persuading Government statisticians to consider the official publication of different ways to gauge unemployment.

As well as the internationally accepted LFS definition of unemployment, which puts it at 2.3 million — roughly in line with the monthly count of *claimants, the EPI's indicators* included discouraged workers, people seeking work but unable to start, and other totals, including the number of *workless households, rather* than individuals.

Probably the most controversial, though, is adding all those registered by the LFS as wanting jobs to the international measure of the total unemployed — a method that put the total at 4.3 million.

Car sales in EU go into reverse

Car sales in the European Union fell 9 per cent last month, according to the Association of European Motor Manufacturers, dealing a blow to hopes of a resurgence in registrations this year.

The French market suffered *most with a 32.1 per cent fall in* sales, followed by Austria, down 28.4 per cent, and Spain, down 21.1 per cent, while Germany's registrations fell by 3.5 per cent. There was a 4.7 per cent rise in Britain.

The association said car sales in the first six months of the year rose 4.6 per cent to 6.638 million.

Bid fails

Westminster Health Care has failed in its pursuit of Goldsborough Healthcare *after receiving acceptances of* only 41 per cent yesterday, the closing day for the £69 million hostile offer. Goldsborough's victory came after several *main* shareholders, including NatWest Ventures Group, declined to accept Westminster's offer, worth 157p per share. Westminster hinted it would keep the 9.1 per cent of Goldsborough it picked up in a market raid in mid-June.

Digital plus

Digital *Animations*, the software developer based in Glasgow, is to be 20 per cent owned by 3i Group when it begins trading on the Alternative Investment Market *next* Wednesday. The venture capital group has invested a further £350,000, lifting its stakeholding 3.3 per cent. Digital *Animations is placing* a total of 2.7 million shares at 71p each through Ernst & Young, which will raise £1.65 million.

Yorkshire Electricity warning

FRESH doubts were raised yesterday about competition in household electricity supply after Yorkshire Electricity gave warning that customers least able to pay will face higher bills. Malcolm Chatwin, the company's chief executive, said the social costs of competition — due to be introduced in 1988 — were being ignored.

After 1998, new entrants to the market — who are unlikely to take customers with low credit ratings — will force down prices, and regional companies will be obliged to act as suppliers of last resort for those who cannot buy elsewhere.

Mr Chatwin said: "Companies like mine will be forced by the market to lower our prices to be similar to the new entrants and raise prices to those least able to pay, to reflect the true cost of providing the service."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.05	1.89
Austria Sch	17.54	16.04
Belgium Fr	51.40	47.10
Canada $	2.237	2.077
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7587	0.7037
Denmark Kr	9.63	8.83
Finland Mkk	7.72	7.07
France Fr	8.38	7.73
Germany Dm	2.503	2.293
Greece Dr	386	361
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Iceland ISk	113	99
Ireland Pt	1.025	0.945
Israel Shk	5.34	4.89
Italy Lira	2496	2341
Japan Yen	185.10	169.10
Malta	0.601	0.546
Netherlds Gld	2.791	2.561
New Zealand $	2.41	2.18
Norway Kr	10.83	9.83
Portugal Esc	252.50	234.00
S Africa Rd	7.48	6.88
Spain Pta	205.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	11.09	10.29
Switzerland Fr	2.071	1.891
Turkey Lira	132618	124816
USA $	1.651	1.521

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Scotland tipped for $1.5bn Hyundai site

HYUNDAI ELECTRONICS, of South Korea, has joined its country's economic push into Europe, announcing plans to build a *$1.5 billion microchip plant in the United* Kingdom — in Scotland or Northern Ireland — or in the Irish Republic. A location in Scotland was most likely to be chosen, the company said. A week ago, LG Group, of South Korea, announced that it is to set up a £1.7 billion electronics complex in South Wales in the biggest inward *investment project in Europe.*

Hyundai's new assembly lines are intended to come on stream in 1999 and employ 1,000 people, the company said. The attractions of investing in Britain and Ireland included cheap land, low taxation, and high-quality labour and infrastructure, it said. *South Korean companies are investing* heavily in Europe to strengthen their production and marketing presence; they have announced 12 projects in Britain alone between April 1995 and March 1996, including a £450 million manufacturing complex for Samsung Electronics.

Jefferson earnings hit

JEFFERSON SMURFIT Corporation, the American associate of the Irish Republic's *Jefferson Smurfit Group*, yesterday reported a sharp drop in second quarter earnings to $27 million from $66 million. Sales slumped to $844 million, compared with $1.08 billion. Earnings per share were 20 cents (60 cents), after an extraordinary charge for debt reduction. James E. Terrill, Smurfit Corp's chief executive, said that earnings were hit by a significant drop in the price of packaging materials.

Mobile phone change

THE Department of Trade and Industry has told Vodafone and Cellnet, the two largest mobile phone companies, to close their analogue networks by 2005 and replace them with digital networks. Vodafone and Cellnet welcomed this because digital networks have more capacity and profit potential. In a move less pleasing to the two, the DTI said it would reserve extra radio-band spectrum for Orange and Mercury One-2-One, the mobile phone industry's newest entrants, until the end of 1997.

UNO valued at £18m

UNO, the out-of-town furniture retailer, will be capitalised at £18.8 *million* when it floats on the Alternative Investment Market on Monday. The four-year-old company, which runs nine furniture superstores across the UK, has opened five in the past two years and has increased sales by 175 per cent. In the year to April 30, pre-tax profits were £1.1 million on sales of *£24.2 million, with earnings of 4.31p per share. It is placing* six million shares at 134p each. No money is being raised.

Electricity levy cut

STEPHEN LITTLECHILD, the electricity regulator, yesterday confirmed that the levy on electricity bills to pay for renewable sources of energy would be cut to 3.7 per cent on November 1. Professor Littlechild had earlier indicated the cut would be made from the present level of 10 per cent after the flotation of British Energy, the nuclear generator. Nuclear had accounted for a large proportion of the fossil fuel levy. The cut should mean a reduction of about £15 a year from bills.

First Information boost

FIRST INFORMATION, the multimedia group whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, gained sales of £1.2 million from the launch of its first CD-Rom titles in the six months to April 30, lifting group turnover 77 per cent to £1.8 million. The company, which spent £3.5 million developing the seven titles over the past 13 months, recorded an overall *operating profit of £1.53 million (loss of £2.93 million).* Earnings were 8p per share (24p loss). There is no dividend.

Courtaulds holds steady

COURTAULDS, the fibres, chemicals and coatings company, said current trading in most businesses was in line with or ahead of last year, although pre-tax profits for the first quarter are slightly below the same period of 1995 because of the effect of last year's disposals. Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said sales of Tencel, its new man-made fibre, have doubled year on year. A recovery in the acrylic market is helping the fibres and chemicals division. The shares fell 12p to 435p.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BERRY nee BISSEX, MARGARET MONICA BERRY nee BISSEX WIDOW late of St Lawrence, Ventor, Isle of Wight died at Newport, Isle of Wight on 26 February 1996
(Estate about £55,000)

BREALY, FLORENCE GERTRUDE BREALY SPINSTER late of Wembley, Middlesex died at *Park Royal, London NW10 on 22* December 1995
(Estate about £9,000)

EVANS, WILLIAM ROOSE EVANS late of Royston, Hertfordshire died at Cambridge on 16 March 1996
(Estate about £39,000)

FURSE, WALTER LESLIE *FURSE, late of Stanwell, Middlesex* at Ashford, Middlesex on 6 December 1994
(Estate about £7,600)

GARLAND otherwise WEAVER, WILLIAM ARTHUR WEAVER GARLAND otherwise WILLIAM ARTHUR WEAVER late of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire died at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire on 26 February 1996
(Estate about £26,000)

GRESLEY nee KELLARD, EMMA ROSA GRESLEY nee KELLARD WIDOW late of Eastbourne, East Sussex died there on 10 December 1995
(Estate about £19,000)

HARRIES otherwise HARRIS, PHOEBE ELLA HARRIES otherwise PHOEBE ELLA HARRIS SPINSTER late of Pentre, Mid Glamorgan died at Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan on 21 July 1995
(Estate about £6,000)

JAMES nee ADDIS, ELEANOR MARY JAMES nee ADDIS WIDOW late of Middlesborough, Cleveland died there on 22 January 1996
(Estate about £80,000)

JONES, THOMAS EDWARD JONES late of Newport, Gwent died there on 24 July 1993
(Estate about £19,000)

LEWIS, MARY ELEANOR LEWIS otherwise MARY LEWIS SPINSTER late of Bloomsbury, London WC1 died at Westminster, London W1 on 10 September 1995
(Estate about £20,000)

LOASBY, STANLEY GEORGE LOASBY late of Brightlingsea, *Essex died there on 31 May 1996*
(Estate about £20,000)

NICHOLS, WILLIAM GEORGE NICHOLS otherwise WILLIAM NICHOLS late of Haringey, London N15 died at Edmonton, London N18 on 9 January 1996
(Estate about £9,000)

OSMOND, DAVID KARL OSMOND otherwise DAVID OSMOND late of Staines, Middlesex died there on 22 May 1996
(Estate about £15,000)

SMART, FREDERICK RICHARD SMART late of Aberystwyth, Dyfed died there on 11 January 1995
(Estate about £12,000)

SULLIVAN, RONALD JOSEPH WILLIAM SULLIVAN late of Portslade, East Sussex died there on 17 May 1994
(Estate about £6,000)

TAYLOR, KATHLEEN TAYLOR otherwise KYMBERLEY ELAINE TAYLOR otherwise KIMBERLEY ELAINE TAYLOR SPINSTER late of Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey died at Surbiton, Surrey on 24 November 1989
(Estate about £11,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Princess Mary's Trust
Scheme for the amendment of previous Scheme
Reference: PC-229136/16725-CD/Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at The Paper Harow Foundation 14 *Charterhouse Square* London EC1 or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Grand Metropolitan Charitable Trust
Scheme to vary the Trust Deed dated 4th June 1981
Reference: ALB-298806-CD/Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite, 61 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6HA or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receiver
JBC HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered number 2056048
Nature of business: Holding Company
Trade classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pallen and T C Carter Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no.s 5317 and 4012
Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

FASTTRACK FORMWORK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 31st July 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated this 12th July 1996
THOMAS WALLIS, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

INCREASED PAYMENT TO CREDITORS

TRINITY INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

A Scheme of Arrangement was approved by the creditors of Trinity Insurance Company Limited ("Trinity") and subsequently became effective on 18 March 1993 after receiving High Court Sanction.

Pursuant to the terms of the Scheme, the Scheme Administrators set the Payment Percentage at 10%. The Commencement Date in accordance with the Scheme was 6 January 1994. The payment percentage was further increased to 15% with the agreement of the Creditor's Committee, commencing with effect from 9 January 1995.

Following a review of the financial position of Trinity and after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, the Scheme Administrators, Paul Evans, Richard Boys-Stones and Colin Bird of Price Waterhouse have set a revised payment percentage of 25% with effect from 17 July 1996.

Scheme creditors who have already received a payment in respect of their Established Liabilities will receive an additional payment, equivalent to the increase of 10% together with a compensatory payment.

Scheme creditors with claims established after this date will receive the increased payment percentage of 25% in respect of their claim within 60 days of each claim becoming an Established Liability.

Claims should continue to be agreed with Trinity and if creditors require more information, please contact the company's run-off managers:-

Insurance Management Associates Limited, Renslade House, Whitfield Street, Gloucester GL1 1NA.
Tel: 01452 428000 Fax: 01452 301387.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
Felicity Jane Anastasiadou - In Bankruptcy
Salisbury County Court
127/1996
I have been appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above debtor; all creditors of the debtor are required to prove their debts to me at Pannell Kerr Forster, 159 *Charles St, Leicester by 1 September 1996.*
R Neil Marshman, Trustee

INCREASED PAYMENT TO CREDITORS

ANDREW WEIR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

A Scheme of Arrangement was approved by the creditors of Andrew Weir Insurance Company Limited ("Andrew Weir") and subsequently became effective on 14 April 1994 after receiving High Court Sanction.

Pursuant to the terms of the Scheme, the Scheme Administrators, Paul Evans, Richard Boy-Stones and Colin Bird of Price Waterhouse set the "Initial Payment Percentage" at 10%. The Commencement Date in accordance with the Scheme was 7 February 1995.

Following a review of the financial position of Andrew Weir and after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, the Scheme Administrators have set a revised payment percentage of 15% with effect from 17 July 1996.

Scheme creditors who have already received a 10% payment in respect of their Established Liabilities will receive an additional payment equivalent to the increase of 5% together with a compensatory payment.

Scheme creditors with claims established after this date will receive the increased payment percentage of 15% in respect of their claim within 60 days of each claim becoming an Established Liability.

Claims should continue to be agreed with Andrew Weir and if creditors require more information, please contact the company's run-off managers:-

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BRYANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

A Scheme of Arrangement was approved by the creditors of Bryanston Insurance Company Limited ("Bryanston") and subsequently became effective on 13 April 1994 after receiving High Court Sanction.

Pursuant to the terms of the Scheme, the Scheme Administrators, Paul Evans, Richard Boy-Stones and Colin Bird of Price Waterhouse set the "Initial Payment Percentage" at 10%. The Commencement Date in accordance with the Scheme was 5 December 1995.

Following a review of the financial position of Bryanston and after consultation with the Creditors' Committee, the Scheme Administrators have set a revised payment percentage of 15% with effect from 17 July 1996.

Scheme creditors who have already received a 10% payment in respect of their Established Liabilities will receive an additional payment, equivalent to the increase of 5% together with a compensatory payment.

Scheme creditors with claims established after this date will receive the increased payment percentage of 15% in respect of their claim within 60 days of each claim becoming an Established Liability.

Claims should continue to be agreed with Bryanston and if creditors require more information, please contact the company's run-off managers:-

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The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th July 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

KEARNS CONTRACTORS LIMITED
MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed to act as Liquidator of *Kearns Contractors Limited* by a resolution of a meeting of the company's shareholders held on 11 July 1996. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address by no later than Tuesday, *13 August 1996 which is the last* day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution. The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated this 12th day of July 1996
N J HAMILTON-SMITH
LIQUIDATOR

No 02962 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF MANAGEMENT COMPUTING SERVICES LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 3 July *1996 confirming the reduction of* the capital of the above-named Company from £9,650,000 to £3,650,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 4 July 1996.
DATED this 17 July 1996
Berwin Leighton
Adelaide House
London Bridge
London EC4R 9HA
Ref. DAS/M1027/9
Solicitors for the above-named Company

M & S RINBERG AND COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of *Leonard Curtis & Co.* situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 23rd July 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq
It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated this 9th July 1996
R J RINBERG, Director

WESTERN SYSTEMS (EUROPE) LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of Western Systems (Europe) Limited is to be held at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berks SL4 1HB on 1 August 1996 at 11.00 am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors
Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 0171 939 4604) and ask for Karen Jackson
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
PN Spratt
Joint Administrative Receiver
15 July 1996

The Insolvency Act 1986
CHARDEN CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Barnes Roffe, 16/17 Copperfields, Spital Street, Dartford, Kent, DA1 2DE on Wednesday the 31st day of July 1996 at 3.00 am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 100 and 101 of the said Act
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Barnes Roffe, 16-17 Copperfields, Spital Street, Dartford, during usual business hours on 29th July 1996 and 30th July 1996
Dated this 12th day of July 1996
By Order of the Board
B McKENZIE, Secretary

TRUCK TECHNIC (UK) LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 5th August 1996 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Stephen Lord of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S JOHNSON DIRECTOR

FINANCIAL HOLDINGS (LONDON) PLC
IN MEMBERS LIQUIDATION
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 9th July 1996
DATED THIS 9TH JULY 1996
Peter S Dunn FCA
Liquidator

☐ UK firms prefer to invest abroad ☐ Assigning the blame over Knight Williams ☐ Lang's cross-Channel bombshell

Foreign grass is always greener

☐ THE United Kingdom is a wonderful place to do business — unless you live there. The flood of companies desperate to buy into corporate Britain is almost precisely matched by the flood of British business desperate to set up shop anywhere else.

There is a staggering mismatch between the level of overseas investment in the UK and elsewhere in Europe that would gladden the heart of any Euro-sceptic, according to KPMG Corporate Finance, which yesterday released a study of investment patterns for the first half of this year.

Consider these comparisons. Foreign companies spent $18.7 billion buying businesses in Britain, population 55 million or thereabouts. In France, population roughly ditto, they spent $3.65 billion, in the German economic titan, population 80 million, just $2.1 billion.

These figures come a week after the Department of Trade and Industry, in a much-leaked trumpeting of national pride, showed that inward investment, the other entry on that side of the British corporate balance sheet, was running at record levels. Britain was the enterprise centre of Europe, low taxes, high performance — one would have thought this tiny island had been uprooted and dragged by tugboat half-way around the world to the South China Sea. Foreign investors are flooding in undeterred by pre-election jitters or dithering over the single market. For those Euro-sceptics this only confirms the damage done by the social chapter and other such Euro-beastliness.

Oddly enough they are right, up to a point. Acquisitions in France and Germany, and other continental nations, are so few because of the barriers deliberately erected to foreign buyers. Any experienced businessman can tell horror stories of tortuous Dutch consultation processes, the intransigence of German banks or French xenophobia.

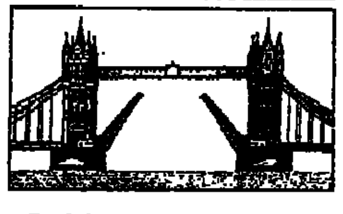
But look at the other side of that corporate balance sheet. British companies have their own pre-occupations — they spent £16 billion buying businesses overseas in the first half. Investments such as the £1.7 billion pledged by LG Group in South Wales last week are not been matched by indigenous industrialists. Such huge greenfield developments tend to reflect the ambitions of foreign multinationals alone.

Those businesses are not looking to set up in Britain out of any great affection for our productivity or tax levels, they are looking for a base in the EC. This country is the only one with a sufficiently open corporate culture to allow acquisitions, while those greenfield developments are funded by huge government bribes — LG received the equivalent of £33,000 in regional aid for every job created. The investment was delayed by the Koreans until they were certain Britain had mended fences with the EC over beef. The clear implication is that any further ruptures with Europe and that inward flood of investment could dry up at once.

Caught in the regulatory web

☐ FEW usually emerge with much credit from scandals such as Knight Williams, one of the nastier in financial circles for many years, least of all the confusing array of regulators whose job is to prevent them but who generally end up playing pass the parcel with the unfortunate victims.

PENNINGTON



Back in 1988 complaints about Knight Williams, billed as a retirement income planning specialist, began to surface. First Fimbra, the old regulator for independent financial advisers now replaced by the Personal Investment Authority, looked into the growing number of dissatisfied clients.

The claim was of inappropriate advice to those clients, most retired and many elderly, who needed the best possible income with as little risk to their capital as possible. Clients said their portfolios were switched around unnecessarily and that the value of their investments fell even when the stock market was buoyant. Knight Williams consistently denied the charges.

In August 1994 Fimbra fined KW £50,000 with costs of £23,400 for a number of breaches of the rules. But the pressure exerted by a growing band of dissatisfied investors, led by Kenneth Jordan, a redoubtable 72 year old, continued. It reached such proportions that the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, had to take the unprecedented step of establishing a special complaints channel late in 1994.

Last year Singer & Friedlander paid £15 million to KW for the £400 million of funds under management, and some of this money was said to have been put aside to meet compensation payments. Last summer the SIB did some tentative sums and found that around 400 investors had claimed compensation that could top £2 million. Then KW filed for voluntary liquidation.

So yet again investors lost out. It has taken the Investors Compensation Scheme, not a regulator but an official rescue fund, the free services of Dibb Lupton, the lawyer, and Robson Rhodes, the accountant, and the intervention of Angela Knight, the Treasury Minister, to bring about an end to this scandal. A pity the SIB could not do the job properly in the first place.

Tunnelling in the dark

☐ IT IS hard to know who should be angriest at the decision to allow the two main cross-Channel ferry operators to merge, the passengers or Eurotunnel shareholders.

On balance, perhaps the latter, since they have suffered enough already. Customers have enjoyed vastly improved service on the ferries — who remembers the days when loading and unloading the car and clearing customs could double the time of your journey? They have also seen the bloodiest of price wars, and not only for those prepared to travel outside peak times.

The undertakings that required Stena and P&O to compete, tacitly reaffirmed as recently as this summer, have been torn up by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade. The ferry companies have two options. They can merge, rationalise and run the tightest possible ship, at the lowest possible prices. Or they can merge, rationalise and push prices as high as they can and still stay competitive with the Tunnel — a 20 per cent discount, say. Guess which would be the most profitable?

Eurotunnel investors and banks, inching their way towards refinancing, now have no idea of what the competition to the Tunnel will look like in future. Should Mr Lang's bombshell, if it had to be dropped at all, not have waited until the end of those talks?

Just fancy that . . .

☐ TODAY'S offering from the Department of Useless Statistics is a study that proves that managers benefit from being trained. This is significant, says James Paice, the largely unknown Education and Employment Minister, whose department commissioned the report, because "prior to the study, there was only anecdotal evidence and some survey data which linked the use of management competencies to improved business performance". In other words, before someone spent taxpayers' money on "proving" them, the findings could only be confirmed by common sense.

CAA review gives airports group a lift

By Carl Mortished

SHARES of BAA rose yesterday as the airports group emerged largely unscathed from a review by its regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority.

BAA retains its monopoly over airports in the South East of England and landing charges will be capped at 3 per cent below the retail price index, compared with the current formula of RPI-1.

The CAA has adopted fully the recommendations of the MMC in maintaining the monopoly structure and the price cap. Cliff Paice, director of economic regulation at the CAA, said: "It is not open to us or the MMC to say whether BAA should be broken up. We can only do that if BAA is operating against the public interest." He added: "Personally, I don't think it would be a good idea."

BAA welcomed the decision not to interfere with its ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted and described the RPI-3 formula as "very challenging" but "workable". Sir John Egan, chief executive, said: "This MMC report confirms BAA is a quality company providing world-class airports at low cost." The new landing charges will apply from next April 1.

BAA shares rose 13p, to 491p, on news of the pricing formula and confirmation that a "single till" model for regulating the airport will continue. This allows BAA to subsidise the cost per passenger by making money from retailing and property rents. Landing charges currently account for about one third of BAA's income.

The CAA said it had adopted the MMC's assumption of a 7.5 per cent rate of return on BAA's asset value of £3.39 billion. The MMC has valued BAA's assets at March 31, 1991 and adjusted for inflation.

The regulator said the price formula took into consideration the five-year period 2002-2007, during which BAA hopes to open Terminal 5. Charges at Stansted will be allowed to rise by RPI+1 per cent; the MMC rejected accusations by Luton Airport that prices were artificially low at Stansted.

The CAA has recommended a contingency increase in charges of 15 per cent should BAA lose European duty and tax-free sales in 1999. The regulator estimated that BAA would lose a net £55 million if the concession was ended but BAA said yesterday the loss could total £70 million.

The CAA said that it would consider alternatives to a smooth RPI-3 cap, including the option of RPI-8 for the first five years followed by RPI+13.5 per cent in 2002-2007. Another option would be RPI-20 for 1997-98, followed by RPI-1.

Sir John rejected the alternative proposals, suggesting they would lead to insecurity if the regulatory climate changed: "I cannot imagine a regulator willing to increase prices by 13.5 per cent."

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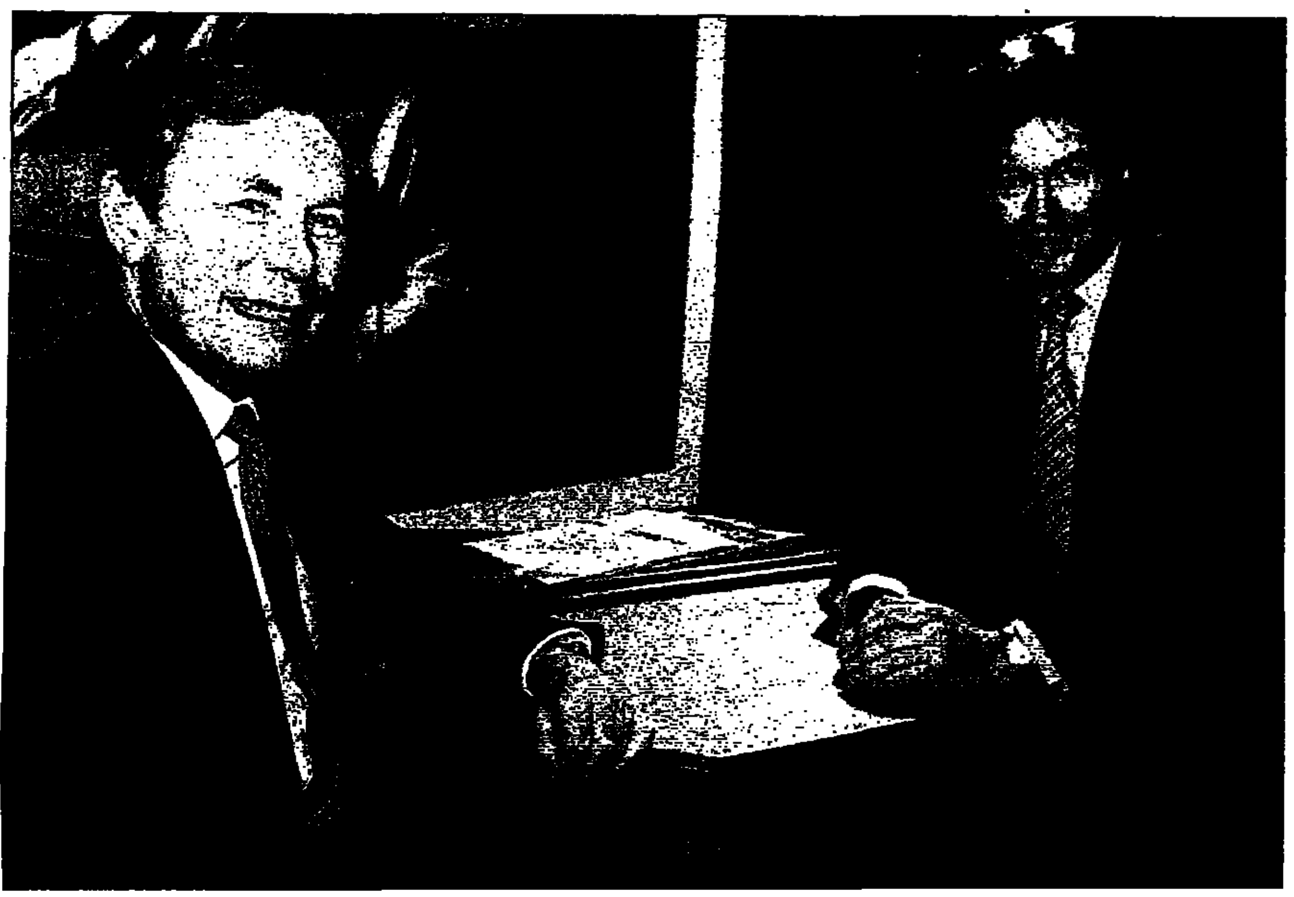
Judgment on Titan appeal reserved

JUDGES in the Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgment on an appeal by Titan Business Club, the controversial money-making scheme, to overturn an earlier ruling that it was "an illegal lottery" (Robert Miller writes).

During the two-day hearing Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Millett were told by Titan's lawyers that the scheme, which people paid between £2,500 and £3,000 to join and recouped their money by recruiting three or four others, was not "a trap or trick".

The Department of Trade and Industry is seeking to shut the scheme.



High-flyers: Sir Colin Marshall, left, BA's chairman, with Bob Ayling, chief executive, at yesterday's annual meeting

Turbulent BA meeting fails to shake Marshall

By Jon Ashworth

NEARLY 800 British Airways shareholders packed the Barbican Concert Hall in London yesterday for an annual meeting which touched on everything from "dirty tricks" to nuclear catastrophes. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, sailed through the occasional turbulence with practised ease.

Lord King, BA's president, watched from the stalls, as speaker after speaker took to the microphone. What about shareholder discounts, they cried? And the environmental implications of Heathrow's Terminal 5? And the link with American Airlines?

Sir Colin remained unruffled. Terminal 5 would enable larger aircraft to carry more passengers without any increase in night flights. Further, it would replace the "delightful sewage farm", which at this time of the year is prone to giving off noxious fumes. A decision on Terminal 5 is expected by mid-1998.

Shareholders' discounts, he insisted, remained a good bet. Commending BA's performance over the year, Sir Colin said it was "business as usual" after the threat of industrial action had been averted.

Sir Colin said "misunderstandings" had fuelled fears that the planned link-up between BA and American Airlines would reduce competition on the transatlantic routes. About 47 per cent of passengers flying to America from Heathrow were in transit from other flights and "had a real choice" over which airline to choose. He said BA risked losing up to half its custom if the link did not proceed.

One shareholder asked what would happen to shares held on Crest, the electronic settlement system, in the event of a magnetic pulse generated by a nuclear accident. Sir Colin said he was sure the Stock Exchange kept a back-up. Another accused him of being too thick with BA's auditors, Ernst & Young, saying they belonged to the freemasons and Rotary, and played golf together. Sir Colin replied: "I don't belong to the freemasons, I don't belong to Rotary, and I don't play golf."

John Gorman, a former policeman engaged in a long-running dispute with BA, accused the airline of operating a dirty tricks department. Sir Colin said BA had never had a dirty tricks department and urged Mr Gorman to bring his case against BA to court.

Pru and Sun Life provide further signs of recovery

By Marianne Curphey

PRUDENTIAL, Britain's biggest name in personal pensions, and Sun Life, the fourth-largest life company, yesterday provided further evidence of recovery in the sector, announcing strong rises in single and regular premium products.

Prudential reported a 36 per cent rise in single premiums worldwide to £3.33 billion for the first six months of the year. UK sales rose by half to £1.58 billion. Sun Life, a subsidiary of Sun Life and Provincial Holdings (SLPH), announced a rise in total new regular premiums of 14 per cent to £81 million. SLPH was last month floated off by UAP, the French insurer. Its total new business was up 19 per cent to £144 million. Money purchase pensions climbed 43 per cent, but new regular personal pensions business fell slightly.

The life industry has been suffering from a deep slump over the past two years. The public lost confidence in it after bad publicity over the pensions transfer scandal in which some people in occupational pension schemes were persuaded to switch into inappropriate personal pension plans.

Les Owen, Sun Life managing director, said: "After a couple of difficult years for our industry, with many companies reporting reduced new business, we are now seeing clear signs of an upturn."

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Biotech take-up concern

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of British Biotech fell again yesterday, increasing the likelihood that institutions that agreed to underwrite a £143 million rights issue will be left holding millions of pounds worth of stock.

The shares closed at £20.30 apiece, down 10p, in a falling market, against the £20.50 price of the one-for-eight rights issue. The shares were as high as £35 in May, when the company reported positive clinical results from Marimastat, one of its cancer treatments.

The closing time for the take-up of the rights issue is 3pm today. Analysts said there is some chance the share price will climb to the rights-issue price, but much depends on the performance of the London and New York stock markets.

James Noble, finance director of British Biotech, said: "We'll definitely get the £143 million. The only question is what percentage of the shareholders will take up the rights. I'd be disappointed if it's under 50 per cent."

Confidence in the biotechnology sector will no doubt fall if the share price does not recover today. The sector has been out of favour for several weeks, partly because of the flurry of new equity issues.

Allders loses finance chief

By Sarah Bagnall

ALLDERS, the department store group that recently sold its international duty-free operation for £160 million, has parted company with its finance director.

Tony Collyer, 40, is to become finance director at New Look, the discount fashion retailer. New Look, which pulled a stock market flotation in 1994, is said to be planning a listing within two years. The retailer was acquired last year by BZW Private Equity and Prudential Venture Managers. Mr Collyer joined Allders from Arthur Andersen in September 1989. The company floated in November 1993 at 170p, valuing the group at £175 million. Last week Allders completed the sale of its duty-free operation to Swissair. Harvey Lipsith, Allders' chief executive, said the sale was instrumental in Mr Collyer's decision. "The scope of the role has changed as the nature of the business has changed," he said.

Collyer: opts for New Look

Hunting shares fall after loss warning

By Sarah Cunningham

A WARNING from Hunting that problems in its aviation division would mean a substantial first-half loss sent its shares tumbling 19 per cent to close at 143p.

Hunting, the defence, aviation and oil group, said that it would make a provision in its results for the six months to June 30 to cover cost over-runs on its contract to supply interior kits for De Havilland's Dash-8 turboprop aircraft.

The provision is expected to total at least £25 million and analysts believe that the company is set to declare a loss of £16 million for the six months, compared with a profit of £15 million in the same period a year earlier.

It is also writing off £10.5 million for its investment in the Jetstream 41 turbo-prop aircraft because of production cuts.

Ken Miller, chief executive, said that good trading in other parts of the group meant that results for the whole year should show a small pre-tax profit after exceptional items.

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STOCK MARKET

KAREN ZAGOR

Governor and Wall Street deal double blow to shares

THERE was little solace to be found in the City yesterday, where investors took a battering first from Wall Street and then from Eddie George, Bank of England Governor.

The overnight 161-point loss on Wall Street set the tone for the day. While analysts discussed whether the US decline was a permanent correction to an overvalued market or a mere hiccup, investors watched the FT-SE 100 tumble towards its lowest levels of the year with a 65 point drop almost immediately after opening.

Just when it seemed that *things could get no worse*, Eddie George said he was less than thrilled with the level of government borrowing in the *three months* to June and predicted that inflation would rise slightly in 1998 after falling to 2.5 per cent in 1997. Shortly after his comments hit the market, the FT-SE dropped 85.7 to a low of 3,612.6 at mid-session. According to one trader, the remarks might have had less impact in a stronger market. "But anything that is said in a declining market that isn't bullish has an impact."

The FT-SE 100 later regained its footing after a strong opening on Wall Street. But US shares failed to hold their gains and by the end of the day the *FT-SE was down 66 points at* 3,632.3, its lowest close of the year, as traders watched the Dow teeter between gains of nearly 45 points and losses of more than 166. The second day of hefty losses, led by renewed selling in the technology sector, added to the picture that the US bull run is over.

The instability left the market queasy about today's outlook. As one leading broker said: "If Wall Street is down tonight we'll be down again tomorrow." The US could cause more trouble for UK markets later in the week when Alan Greenspan, head of the Federal Reserve, testifies before Congress on Thursday.

Stocks with a sizeable presence on Wall Street were *particularly stricken*. **Unilever** lost 23p to close at £12.41, **SmithKline Beecham** fell 21p to 664p and **Reuters** eased 17p to 716p. **Glaxo Wellcome**, which also has a sizeable US presence, had less dramatic losses, edging 9p lower to 865p as the company continued to take *strength from reports* that it is set to benefit from huge demand for Aids drugs in the wake of last week's Vancouver Aids conference.

Elsewhere in the pharmaceutical sector, the former stock market darling **British Biotech**, which traded as high at £35 in May, managed to *shake off its worst losses of the* day. At mid-session yesterday, the ordinary shares were quoted at £20.10p, but by the close of trade they had edged back to £20.30p, 10p lower than their previous day's close and 20p below the rights price of £20.50. The £143 million rights issue closes today.

Other unpopular biotechnology issues included **Celltech**, down 36p to 509p, and **Chiroscience**, off 18p at 319p.

Orange lost 7.5p to 182.5p as the market registered its lack of enthusiasm for cellular telephone companies. **Vodafone** also lost ground, tumbling 10p to 218.5p

British Energy, which rattled private investors on Monday by becoming the first privatisation to open at a discount on the first day of *dealings since BP II, continued* to fall. The shares, offered at 100p in their partly paid form, lost 3p to end at 91p.

The disappointing performance across the market may have persuaded private investors to start selling shares. "There's some evidence of Joe Public selling. The public is waking up to the fact that the market is fairly high and with Wall Street where it is, we may be in for a few more days of profit taking," said one broker.

In spite of the overall market gloom, it was a good day for several transport stocks. BAA started on a strong note and held its gains, climbing 15p to 493p on news that the Civil Aviation Authority, its regulator, had agreed to an *unexpectedly generous pricing* formula. The announcement coincided with a ruling from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that BAA would not have to break up its London airports.

P&O was another success story, rising 8p to 500p after a decision by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to lift restrictions on alliances between cross-Channel ferry operators, opening the door *for cost saving co-operation* between P&O and Stena.

Sun Life also bucked the trend, adding 2p to 221p on the back of strong new business figures. But the **Prudential** was unable to move higher, in spite of reporting soaring sales. The shares ended at 413p, down 2p.

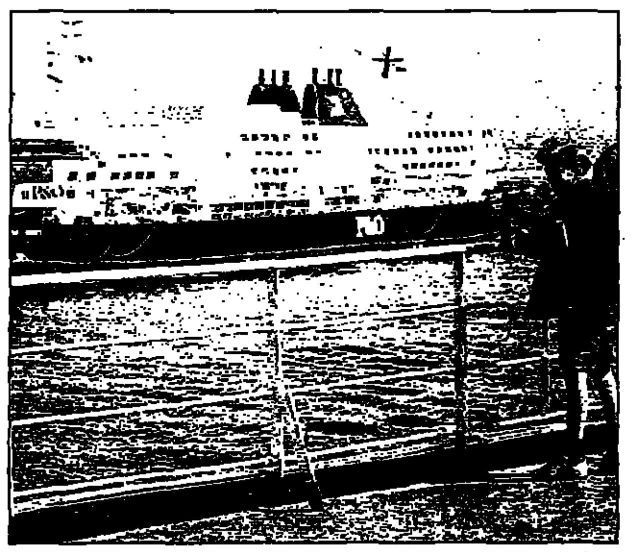
Railtrack's prospects of entering the FT-SE 100 declined a little when its shares edged 3.5p lower to 209p.

Hunting*, the defence and* aviation company, was one of the biggest losers of the day. The shares moved lower after the company said it would take a substantial hit to earnings, reflecting a provision and write-off. By the close of trading they were quoted at 143p, *a drop of 34p*.

Speculation that **United News & Media** is planning to bid for Blenheim sent shares in United News & Media 27p lower to 629p.

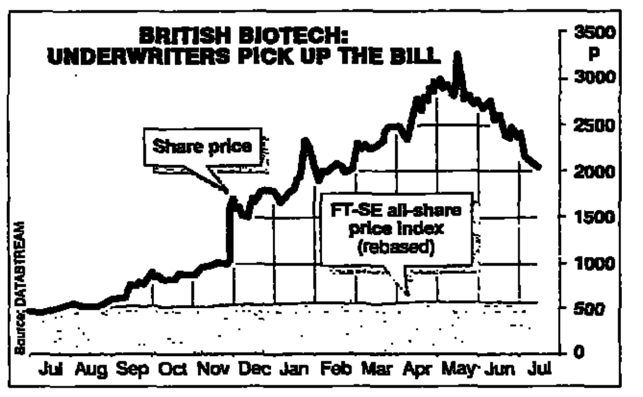
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** In keeping with the general, negative tenor of the market, gilts lost ground. The biggest blow was struck by unexpectedly high PSBR numbers for June. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt tumbled to £105$^{13}/_{16}$ before regaining its equilibrium to end five ticks lower at £106$^{5}/_{16}$. Volume was quite high, with 73,000 contracts completed. The Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost $^{1}/_{4}$ to £97$^{5}/_{8}$ while at the shorter end, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 retreated two ticks to 103$^{1}/_{16}$. *The afternoon recovery was* spurred by Germany, where encouraging comments on interest rates by Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, prompted a German bond market rally.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average extended *its losses* in early trading. At midday, the index was down 36.62 points at 5,312.89.



P&O shares found it plain sailing in a turbulent market

Blenheim, the exhibitions group, was one of the biggest *winners on the day amid expectations of an imminent bid for* the company. United News & Media is believed to be the most likely bidder, although other names have been mentioned. Blenheim rose 15p to 438p as the market awaited developments.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5312.89 (-36.62)
S&P Composite .... 622.44 (-7.36)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 21406.35 (-347.07)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10627.98 (-172.15)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 528.27 (-10.97)

Sydney:
AO .... 2100.60 (-46.50)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2469.79 (-80.74)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2179.45 (-1.35)

Brussels:
General .... 9182.83 (-139.23)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1989.51 (-40.00)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 776.80 (-19.70)

London:
FT 30 .... 2668.8 (-54.3)
FT 100 .... 3632.3 (-66.0)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... *4201.0 (-90.6)*
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1825.5 (-34.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1624.77 (-39.30)
FT A All-Share .... 1808.18 (-34.54)
FT Non Financials .... 1920.22 (-36.34)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.61 (-0.04)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.62 (-0.21)
Bargains 35250
SEAQ Volume 781.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... 204.23 (-4.20)
US$ .... 1.5575 (+0.0067)
German Mark .... 2.3238 (-0.0317)
Exchange Index .... 85.5 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2231
£:SDR 1.0757
RPI .... 153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AFA Systems	133	- 3
Alumax	1918¼	- 81¼
BATM Advd Cms	127	- 1
Belhaven Brewery	197	- 4
British Energy (100)	91	- 3
Central Mtr Auct (34)	92	...
Circle Comms	173	- 7
Cirqual	135	- 5
Concurrent Techn	19	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electronic Retailing	148	...
Fayrewood	43	...
Independent Brit Hl	78	...
Lotteryking	4	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	18	...
Pace Micro Tec (172)	177	- 9
Pordum Foods	3¼	- ¼
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	- ¼
Sun Life & Prov	221	+ 2
Vocalis Group (95)	99	- 5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allen n/p (250)	1¼	- ¼
Cowie n/p (355)	19½	- 14½
Dixon Mtrs n/p (220)	41	...
Doeflex n/p (230)	30	- 3
Greene Kg n/p (545)	44	- 17
Jhnstn Prss n/p (169)	3	- 1
Kays Food n/p (2)	½	...
Mackie Intl n/p (275)	¼	...
Orbis n/p (40)	4	...
Partco n/p (245)	45	- 1
Syndct Cap n/p (110)	2	...
Tinsley Rbr n/p (130)	2	- 3
TransTec n/p (103)	*14*	*- 4*
Tullow Oil n/p (80)	6½	...
Vardy n/p (300)	11	- 2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Blenheim Gp .... 438p (+15p)
BAA .... 493p (+15p)
FALLS:
Party .... 241p (-22p)
Vanguard .... 498p (-37p)
Friendly Hotels .... 154p (-11p)
Celltech .... 509p (-38p)
Phonelink .... 143p (-10p)
Cortecs .... 272p (-18p)
Scotia .... 671p (-44p)

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TEMPUS

Sauce for the goose

BAA's lukewarm acceptance of the new pricing formula for landing charges is a bit like the recipient of the golden goose muttering about the cost of feeding the bird. There can be no doubt that BAA has sailed through this regulatory review. Indeed, so pleased is BAA with the regulator's bland conclusions and recommendations that there ought to be a slight reddening of the cheeks among the worthies at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Civil Aviation Authority. After all, what regulator wants it known that the subject of its critical gaze *applauds its regulatory report in such terms*: "This report is one we can be proud of."

The RPI-3 formula is the best that BAA could hope for. The CAA's curious decision to put forward different options — RPI-8 for five years followed by RPI+13.5 per cent — seems bizarre, a sop to those who yearn for a more stringent regime. However, it is unrealistic to expect the company to budget on a big surge in charges at the end of a ten-year period. If the CAA *wants to shift income into* later years, it could adopt a less skewed formula.

The real disappointment is the failure by the CAA to deal with the issue of competition. It is too late for BAA to be broken up, but there are pressing needs to ensure that this expanding but cossetted industry is exposed to cold air at every opportunity. BAA has squeezed its tenants in the past and there is no reason why airport rents should not be subject to a price cap. Even more regrettable is the failure to consider an alternative owner for Terminal 5. There is a curious complacency about the CAA's attitude: it is a relationship that *looks altogether too cosy*.

Hunting

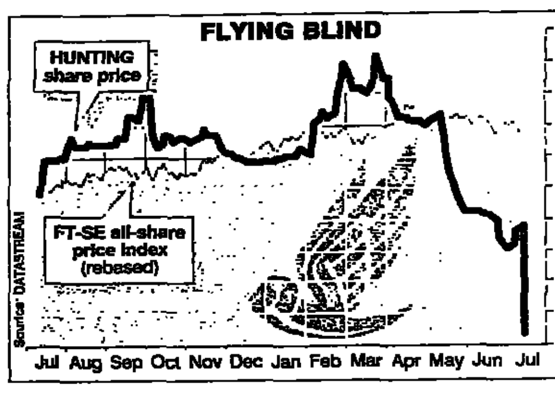
WHEN Hunting diversified the company into oil and aviation, its hope was that the two new divisions would *prevent the company depending too heavily on its traditional defence markets*.

Oil has performed well, as has defence — boosted by the contract to run the government's Atomic Weapons Establishment — but aviation has flapped about like a wounded bird seeking shelter from a predator.

Last year the company had to write off £2 million owed to it by Fokker, the collapsed *Dutch company. It is now* going to write off £10.5 million for its investment in the Jetstream 41 turboprop. Even worse, it is having to make a provision of at least £25 million for cost overruns and anticipated losses on another contract to fit out Dash-8 Turboprops. Hunting's aviation business does face a difficult market and four managers have left the division as a result of the debacle. Yet it is a poor *reflection on the* central management that costs were apparently allowed to run out of control in the division.

Defence has been sent to *the rescue, with a management* team from that division despatched to take control at aviation interiors with a mission to bring down costs on the problem Dash-8 programme.

Although the other divisions are still putting in a solid performance, events at *the aviation division give the image of a company that has drifted way off its flight path.*



Life Insurance

THERE is an adage in the City, coined after the stock market's boom-bust years in the 1980s: don't buy equities in the same year the stockbrokers are paid their bonuses. The theory goes that bonuses follow a strong bull run and it is folly to buy at the top of the market.

Pity then the investors who, forsaking building societies' poor interest rates, piled into Peps and unit trusts at the turn of the year.

Their enthusiasm for equities provided Prudential with a sparkling set of new business figures yesterday, but *the insurer will have to work* hard to keep them happy if the FTSE continues its lacklustre performance. Prudential says it will make clear to customers their investment is long-term, but enthusiasm for investments will dwindle in a bear market.

However, if Prudential's optimism about future sales is well-founded and business continues to boom, the insurer will need to rethink its plans to buy a building society. Growing business organically at such a high rate renders the extra cost of taking on high street branches unnecessary.

Short term, strong new business figures and the lure of a dividend from orphan assets will support the share price. *Longer term*, Prudential has difficult strategic decisions to make to ensure it remains among the financial services front-runners, rather than joining the also-rans.

P&O

IF THERE were any doubts that competition policy in the UK is being decided on the hoof, yesterday provided some evidence. After witnessing months of wrangling over the dismemberment of the gas industry, the stock market *yesterday celebrated the* decision by the airports regulator to preserve one of Britain's most profitable monopolies. A few hours later, the Office of Fair Trading agreed *to release P&O* Ferries from an undertaking not to collude with other ferry operators. Facing a continuing loss of market share to the Channel Tunnel P&O asked to be released from undertakings not to engage in talks with rival ferry owners over *fares and schedules*.

The OFT Director-General thought it OK for P&O and Stena to discuss pooling services, but he balked at a full-blown merger. Undeterred, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, reckons merger talks are fine within *the scope of competition* legislation.

If P&O Ferries and Stena can pool ships, agree schedules and fix fares, there is little reason to prevent a merger. What is needed in return is a ferry regulator but one with more teeth than the CAA.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	990-980	Sep	1050-1048
Sep	998-997	Dec	1057-1054
Dec	1000-999	Mar	1068 SLR
Mar	1016-1015	May	1040-1040
May	1028 SLR		
Jul	1038-1037		Volume: 5286

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1570-1560	Mar	1405-1404
Sep	1575-1571	May	1400-1390
Nov	1491-1490	Jul	1400-1380
Jan	1450-1449		Volume: 6385

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	339.0-37.1
Spot: 355.0		May	336.1-33.2
Aug	366.2-62.0	Aug	334.0-30.5
Oct	352.2-51.0	Oct	322.0-20.0
Dec	345.0-44.0		Volume: 1365

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	116.83	113.63	101.04
(+/-)	-5.16	+1.35	+0.03
Eng/Wales:	116.83	114.44	100.56
(+/-)	-5.33	-1.98	-0.26
(%)	+2.0	+4.0	-7.0
Scotland:	116.88	108.21	105.46
(+/-)	+0.94	-2.49	+2.69
(%)	-13.0	+34.0	-4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.30	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.40	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.95	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	22.40	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.65	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	215 (+5)	216 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	165 (+3)	187 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	89 (+1)	90 (+1)
Naphtha	189 (+3)	191 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	179.25-79.50	Nov	175.00-75.25
Sep	176.50-76.75	Dec	174.75 SLR
Oct	175.25-75.75		Vol: 12084

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	20.41-20.42	Nov	19.03-19.06
Sep	19.92-19.93	Dec	18.65-18.70
Oct	19.43-19.44		Vol: 32560

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	110.50	Sep	104.25
Nov	112.65	Nov	106.50
Jan	114.65	Jan	108.50
Mar	116.65	Mar	110.65
May	119.50	May	111.00
Volume: 225		Volume: 38	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	140.0	139.5
		Volume: 131

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Aug 90.75-91.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1120	1110	1118
Aug 96	1122	1115	1122
Sep 96	1160	1140	1153
Oct 96	1250	1212	1250
Vol: 198 lots		Open interest: n/a	

Index: 1109 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1930.0-1934.0	1955.0-1960.0	1759825
Lead ($/tonne)	750.00-751.00	765.00-766.00	299475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	977.50-978.00	1007.0-1008.0	713500
Tin ($/tonne)	6180.0-6190.0	6235.0-6240.0	23920
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1424.5-1425.5	1459.5-1460.5	2973100
Nickel ($/tonne)	6950.0-6955.0	7058.0-7062.0	114000

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	3	21	27	1	13	22
(*422)	460	0	7	11	38	39	40
ASDA	110	6	9	11	0	4	[illegible]
(*116)	120	0	4	7	4	9	10
Boots	550	6	27	35	1	14	22
(*555)	600	0	8	14	45	46	52
Br Airways	500	13	31	41	0	11	19
(*512½)	550	0	10	18	37	40	44
BP	550	35	45	53	0	7	13
(*585½)	600	0	16	25	14	20	30
Br Steel	160	4	11	14	0	5	9
(*164)	180	0	3	6	16	17	21
C & W	390	9	24	34	1	12	18
(*398)	420	0	11	21	22	27	34
CU	550	6	24	36	1	21	27
(*557)	600	0	6	18	42	56	67
ICI	750	39	53	66	0	15	21
(*789)	800	1	22	38	11	38	45
Land Sec	600	10	29	37	0	11	18
(*610)	650	0	8	15	40	41	46
M & S	460	6	21	30	1	12	17
(*465)	500	0	5	12	34	37	40
Nat West	600	14	31	47	1	20	29
(*614)	650	0	11	25	36	51	58
Safeway plc	300	23	31	37	0	4	9
(*323)	330	1	12	20	7	16	23
Sainsbury	360	7	19	26	0	9	15
(*366½)	390	0	6	13	23	26	31
Shell	900	19	40	50	0	19	25
(*918)	950	0	14	25	32	49	53
SmKl Bch	638	27	44	—	0	14	—
(*664)	687	0	20	—	23	38	—
Storehse	280	13	22	—	0	5	—
(*293)	300	0	10	—	8	14	—
Trafalgar	50	0	1	—	0	0	—
(*50)	60	0	6	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1350	36	81	108	0	39	57
(*1385½)	1400	2	54	81	17	63	81
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	28	36	45	7	15	19
(*484)	500	6	17	26	29	36	40
Vodafone	200	20	27	29	1	5	7
(*218)	220	7	15	17	8	13	16
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	28	37	42	3	8	15
(*418)	420	8	20	26	15	21	29
Ladbroke	180	8	13	18	6	11	15
(*181)	200	1	6	10	20	24	27
Utd Bisc	220	9	15	20	6	11	14
(*221½)	240	2	7	12	19	24	26

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	32	44	50	0	5	11
(*493)	500	4	16	25	10	21	27
Thames W	550	8	30	39	1	14	25
(*557)	600	0	10	18	42	48	55
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	220	14	18	22	1	7	8
(*231)	240	3	8	12	10	16	19
Br Aero	900	45	66	80	9	25	33
(*930)	950	19	39	50	30	49	57
Br Telecm	330	24	26	30	4	9	16
(*352)	360	4	11	16	22	25	32
Cadbury	460	37	46	56	1	10	14
(*493)	500	11	23	31	14	27	31
Guinness	460	14	24	34	8	17	21
(*464)	500	1	8	17	36	42	44
GEC	330	29	37	42	1	5	7
(*356)	360	7	18	24	10	16	19
Hanson	180	5	8	12	3	9	12
(*181)	190	0	2	5	19	23	25
LASMO	160	14	19	22	1	5	5
(*172)	180	3	8	11	10	13	14
Lucas	200	13	19	23	4	10	11
(*212)	220	3	10	13	16	21	21
Pilkngtn	172	14	—	—	1	—	—
(*183)	191	3	—	—	10	—	—
Prudential	390	27	34	43	2	9	14
(*413)	420	8	17	26	13	23	29
Redland	390	16	26	33	7	16	21
(*397)	420	4	12	20	25	34	38
R-Royce	200	18	24	29	1	6	9
(*216)	220	6	13	17	8	14	17
Tesco	260	21	26	32	2	6	9
(*278)	280	9	14	21	9	14	18
Williams	300	26	29	—	0	5	—
(*323)	330	5	12	—	10	19	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3631)

	3500	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750
Calls						
Jul	131	84	42	15	2	1
Aug	141	103	70	43	25	12
Sep	163	126	96	68	46	30
Oct	182	149	117	90	67	48
Dec	221	—	157	—	108	—
Puts						
Jul	1	4	11	32	71	121
Aug	18	30	46	69	100	137
Sep	36	48	66	89	115	149
Oct	57	65	83	106	132	164
Dec	78	—	111	—	160	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Apr	Puts Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	22	37	47	18	29	30
(*559)	600	5	16	25	52	56	68
Amstrad	180	17	22	—	6	7	—
(*190)	200	7	12	—	16	17	—
Barclays	750	41	56	73	15	21	37
(*782)	800	14	31	47	40	47	63
Blue Circ	330	30	36	41	4	9	10
(*354)	360	11	19	23	17	21	23
Br Gas	180	11	15	19	5	9	12
(*184)	200	3	7	10	17	23	25
Dixons	500	26	38	49	14	22	28
(*515)	550	7	17	26	45	50	56
Forte	347	20	—	—	0	—	—
(*368)	377	6	—	—	8	—	—
Tarmac	100	7	10	13	4	7	8
(*103)	110	2	6	8	9	13	13
Hillsdwn	160	14	17	19	2	5	6
(*171)	180	3	7	9	11	15	16
Lonrho	160	13	17	20	2	5	7
(*171)	180	3	7	10	13	15	17
Sears	90	6	8	—	2	3	—
(*93)	100	2	3	—	7	9	—
Thorn	1600	117	141	—	20	39	—
(*1699)	1700	51	83	—	64	92	—
Tomkins	240	15	19	25	7	9	12
(*252)	260	5	10	14	19	20	23
Lloyds TSB	300	27	34	39	4	9	14
(*324)	330	8	17	23	17	21	29
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	17	42	63	1	32	42
(*866)	900	0	22	41	34	61	70
HSBC	1000	17	52	78	1	35	50
(*1016)	1050	0	32	54	33	63	77
Reuter	700	16	45	60	2	23	34
(*715)	750	0	22	36	35	49	60
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	360	25	34	41	0	6	13
(*385)	390	1	16	24	5	22	27
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfshr	600	9	31	49	1	21	31
(*607)	650	0	11	27	43	51	59
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1200	41	69	75	0	11	21
(*1241)	1250	3	36	47	10	29	41
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	500	28	37	44	7	13	17
(*[illegible])	550	5	16	26	25	34	37
Scot Pwr	300	17	22	26	14	19	24
(*300)	330	4	10	15	36	39	44

July 16, 1996 Tot: 68677 Call: 31967 Put: 36710 FT-SE Call: 11520 Put: 19259
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 61277	Sep 96	3645.0	3652.0	3608.0	3631.0	26741
	Dec 96	3652.0	3652.0	3652.0	3651.0	50
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3741	Sep 96				4200.0	0
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 395130	Sep 96	94.29	94.30	94.27	94.30	13136
	Dec 96	94.17	94.21	94.15	94.21	22113
	Mar 97	93.86	93.91	93.84	93.90	10527
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	98.69	501
	Mar 97				98.38	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1009084	Sep 96	96.59	96.67	96.57	96.67	62154
	Dec 96	96.40	96.55	96.39	96.53	73781
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 137459	Sep 96	106-09	106-14	105-26	106-10	73547
	Dec 96	105-15	105-15	104-31	105-15	49
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	117.92	118.14	117.82	118.13	4504
	Dec 96	116.87	117.02	116.92	117.07	998
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 201684	Sep 96	95.67	96.18	95.52	96.10	167133
	Dec 96	94.82	95.20	94.72	95.10	508
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 23334	Sep 96	95.47	95.56	95.46	95.56	1612
	Dec 96	95.36	95.46	95.36	95.45	1145
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 71523	Sep 96	97.26	97.37	97.21	97.35	9222
	Dec 96	97.07	97.22	97.01	97.18	5771
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 96	115.70	115.75	114.61	115.02	100774
	Dec 96	114.70	114.90	114.30	114.19	770

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: *O/night high: 6 Low: 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]*
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible] Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5[illegible] close 5[illegible]					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.38	n/a	5.56	5.79	6.12
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-2
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.70-385.00 Close: $385.20-385.70 High: $386.40-386.90
Low: $382.70-383.20 AM: $384.65 PM: $384.25

Krugerrand: $384.25-387.25 (£246.75-248.75)

Platinum: $392.90 (£253.30) **Silver:** $5.11 (£3.27) **Palladium:** $133.15 (£85.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6086-2.6395	2.6086-2.6104	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	47.814-48.460	47.864-47.904	13-8pr	30-24pr
Copenhagen	8.9575-9.0590	8.9575-8.9652	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9708-0.9744	0.9709-0.9720	4-1pr	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.3232-2.3505	2.3232-2.3252	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	239.06-241.99	239.16-239.26	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	196.07-198.34	196.07-196.25	24-34ds	70-88ds
Milan	2369.2-2391.0	2369.2-2371.5	6-8ds	18-21ds
Montreal	2.1319-2.1363	2.1357-2.1376	0.22-0.17pr	0.38-0.30pr
New York	1.5548-1.5580	1.5572-1.5580	0.05-0.03pr	0.03-0.01pr
Oslo	9.9876-10.062	9.9876-9.9994	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.8709-7.9440	7.8709-7.8780	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.340-10.449	10.360-10.381	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	170.09-171.04	170.09-170.26	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	16.348-16.539	16.348-16.363	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.9037-1.9384	1.9037-1.9054	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2621-1.2629
Austria	10.55-10.56
Belgium (Com)	30.91-30.92
Canada	1.3717-1.3722
Denmark	5.7860-5.7890
France	5.0852-5.0862
Germany	1.5000-1.5010
Hong Kong	7.7368-7.7378
Ireland	1.5990-1.6000
Italy	1527.00-1528.00
Japan	*109.47-109.52*
Malaysia	2.4868-2.4878
Netherlands	1.6844-1.6854
Norway	6.4475-6.4495
Portugal	154.20-154.30
Singapore	1.4165-1.4185
Spain	126.58-126.63
Sweden	6.6648-6.6848
Switzerland	1.2281-1.2291

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5538-1.5564
Australia dollar	1.9621-1.9646
Bahrain dinar	0.5900-0.5920
Brazil real*	1.5615-1.5657
China yuan	12.80 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7200-0.7300
Finland markka	7.0975-7.2135
Greece drachma	367.50-374.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0287-12.0380
India rupee	55.13-56.01
Indonesia rupiah	3588.00-3656.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4610-0.4710
Malaysia ringgit	3.8660-3.8701
New Zealand dollar	2.2602-2.2640
Pakistan rupee	54.72 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6000-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2027-2.2057
S Africa rand (com)	6.8570-6.9580
U A E dirham	5.6500-5.7740

Barclays Bank GTS* * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,600	Marks Spr	6,100
ASDA Gp	9,100	NatWst Bk	3,400
Abbey Ntl	2,700	Nat Grid	1,300
Allied Dom	*1,900*	*Nat Power*	*7,900*
Argos	604	Next	2,200
AB Foods	758	Orange	5,800
BAA	14,000	P & O	2,700
BAT Inds	6,400	Pearson	1,900
BOC	761	Pilkington	2,400
BP	6,500	PowerGen	7,500
BSkyB	2,300	*Prudential*	7,900
BTR	9,700	RMC	991
BT	11,000	RTZ	4,300
Bk of Scot	4,270	Rank Org	2,600
Barclays	3,400	Reckitt Col	404
Bass	1,900	Redland	2,100
Blue Circle	2,000	Reed Intl	1,300
Boots	1,500	Rentokil	8,600
BAe	905	Reuters	5,100
BA	3,600	Rolls Royce	6,400
Brit Gas	22,800	Royal Ins	2,600
Brit Steel	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900
Burmah Cstl	1,100	Safeway	1,900
Burton	5,700	Sainsbury	4,900
Cable Wire	6,900	Schroders	88
Cadbury	1,400	*Scot & New*	491
Carlton Cms	2,600	Scot Power	9,500
Cm Union	1,700	Svrn Trent	1,600
Cookson	4,000	Shell Trans	3,400
Courtaulds	1,500	Siebe	1,600
Dixons	2,300	SmKl Bch	4,900
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Smith Nph	2,700
GKN	2,000	Smiths Inds	1,000
GRE	2,000	Sthern Elec	357
GUS	1,400	Std Chartd	3,300
Gen Acc	344	Sun Allnce	1,800
Gen Elec	5,700	TI Gp	437
Glaxo Well	5,800	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Granada	4,400	Tesco	3,000
Grand Met	5,400	Thames W	495
Guinness	3,400	Thrn EMI	647
HSBC	4,500	Tomkins	2,800
Hanson	5,900	Unilever	3,000
ICI	695	Utd Utilities	1,600
Kingfisher	2,010	Utd News	2,000
LASMO	3,700	Vodafone	13,000
Ladbroke	4,800	Whitbread	1,700
Land Secs	707	Wilms Hld	4,100
Legal & Gn	1,200	Wolseley	1,300
Lloyds TSB	5,800	Zeneca	1,400

WALL STREET

	Jul 16 midday	Jul 15 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASA	[illegible]	40
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	41	[illegible]
Albertsons	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumnm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alco Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	54	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Brands	[illegible]	45
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	41
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anheuser Busch	72	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	38
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dicknsn	72	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	34	35
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	84	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brunswick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
CNA Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	[illegible]	21
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coastal Corp	42	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate-Palmolive	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia/HCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	47	[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conagra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conrail	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cooper Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corestates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Cork	[illegible]	42
Dana Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dominion Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Donnelley (RR)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Jul 16 midday	Jul 15 close
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Edison Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Renewed Eighties euphoria is gripping London and New York

City warriors strut out once again

Jon Ashworth says the picture is horribly reminiscent of the days of Big Bang

Futures traders in London yesterday as billions were wiped off the stock market

What fun the Eighties were. The archetypal braces-clad City gent cruised the streets in his red Porsche, barking commands down his mobile phone — a rare and trendy accessory in those days — and planning his next killing on a rampant stock market. Behind the wheel was that fiercest of City warriors: the female bond trader. Sharp-tongued and high-heeled, she worked every hour of the day, carving a swathe through dealing rooms, then burning it off in the gym in a paroxysm of deal-inspired energy. Armed with Filofax and electronic personal organiser, they made an unstoppable combination.

Renewed Eighties euphoria has been much in evidence, from a soaring stock market and huge new issue premiums to the £1 million-plus packages circulating once more. Analysts are being poached en masse, fuelling bigger and bigger payments.

There are differences, of course — the Porsche is more likely to be a personalised TVR costing up to £45,000, or a Harley Davidson — but an enduring Eighties feel remains. The number of City workers sunning themselves yesterday lunchtime while screens turned a brighter shade of red was proof in itself.

The picture is horribly reminiscent of the days when Big Bang in 1986 swept the City off the Stock Exchange floor and upstairs, into a faster, electronic age. Then, excess was measured in the number of magnums of Veuve Clicquot one could buy in an evening overlooking the Broadgate Circle, or how many rounds of karaoke one could handle before the Japanese sapporo took its toll.

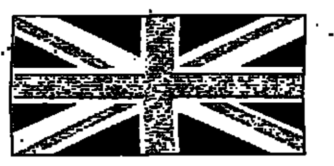
Shades off the old days remain, with Balls Brothers offering a Methuselah of Louis Roederer to customers correctly predicting the value of the dollar against the pound as at the end of July. Corney & Barrow, ever attuned to the needs of its City clients, reports thriving trade at its outlet at Canary Wharf, which comes fitted with dealing screens and direct-dial phones. Takeovers and mergers have transformed City securities houses and sent headhunters scrambling for business. Jonathan Baines, senior consultant to Baines Gwinner, has placed four or five City specialists on packages of more than £1 million so far this year. Last year, he was lucky to place one.

Mr Baines said: "I don't know a firm that is not having a record year. Some have made as much in the first six months as in the whole of last year — and that was an improvement on the year before." He added: "We've got ourselves back into two-year or three-year guarantees at very, very high levels. Some salaries are up by 100 or 150 per cent on two years ago, and it's easy to say this cannot be sustained, it's all going to end in tears."

The issue is heightened by comparisons across the Atlantic, where pay packages are running at 50 to 60 per cent higher. Mr Baines said: "You're talking double-figure millions over there. Here, it's single-figure millions."

Rudi Mueller, chairman of UBS, has criticised the growing trend towards locking in high-flyers on guaranteed bonuses, rather than linking pay to performance. Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities, said: "Of course, all the old signs are here, analysts getting more money, all stoking the fire, but the media's been on this hack for so long: Wall Street's got to crash. It makes the market all the more stronger if you have a correction."

He said an "overhyped" AIM market had been driven at the expense of the after-market, with an emphasis among advisers on getting the issue away and raking in the fees. Huge premiums on new issues generally left fund managers nervous. Shares in Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge store, soared 25 per cent in the first day's trading, after institutions oversubscribed the issue at least 12 times. One need only look at the high-flying biotechnology sector, which has come crashing to earth in the past few weeks. British Biotech, the darling of the sector, closed yesterday at £20.30 per share, well off its peak of £35 a share in May and 20p below today's rights issue price of £20.50.



❛The TVR has replaced the Porsche as the car❜

The Eighties euphoria has spilt into the leisure market, with traders and brokers splashing out on ever-exotic holidays. On the property front, City gents burnt in the Docklands slump have returned with renewed zeal. Lorna Vestey, partner in Knight Frank, said the upturn had been particularly noticeable in the past six months, with brokers in their twenties and thirties spending between £800,000 and £1.5 million. "Docklands is very much up and coming with the twenty-somethings. As they get married, they are tending to drift to Kensington and Chelsea, and Fulham to a lesser extent."

Observers agree on one thing: the TVR has replaced the Porsche as *the* car of the moment. "It seems to be the car to be seen in," said Peter Smith, sales manager of The TVR Centre, based in Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Redhill, Surrey. "It spells success."

Excess on Wall Street in new 'live now' mood

Richard Thomson asks if it is time for a last cigar before the fun ends

Traders at work in New York as the Dow neared its 161-point fall on Monday

When you see 23-year-old investment bankers in red braces puffing on large Havana cigars with expressions that say "I've just received a bonus that's bigger than you can imagine", it's time to start worrying about the stock market.

New York is in the grip of a cigar craze which, though not as bad as some of the worst 1980s excesses, carries obvious overtones of over-indulgence.

Taken with other reliable indicators, the message is disturbing. We have been here before, and the last time it ended in a crash. A *fin de siecle* decadence has settled over the stock market where the shares of any no-hope company have been rising effortlessly to absurd prices. The ominously familiar signs of silliness that usually appear in a market reaching its speculative peak are growing by the day.

Since much of New York depends on Wall Street's profits, the euphoria that has gripped the stock market for the past year is reflected on the streets of Manhattan. Take, for example, the Stretch Limo Index — the number of limousines you can count in a 24-hour period — which has been rising with alarming speed over the past 12 months.

Or look at the Manhattan property market, where rents have surpassed the ridiculously high levels hit in the late 1980s and purchase prices are said to be going through the roof. Donald Trump, the property developer who embodied the extravangance of the Eighties, has signalled his return from his brush with backruptcy by buying a Boeing 727 to get around in.

Consumer spending has been flat generally, but luxury retailers such as Gucci and a host of chic designers can hardly keep up with the demand for their expensive goods from consumers enjoying their stock market profits.

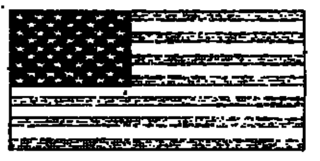
Much the same live-for-today attitude is visible on the stock market itself. A glut of new share issues, breaking all previous records, is keeping eager investors supplied with stocks that in normal times could probably not have been sold. For example, Saks Fifth Avenue, which failed to issue shares once before and has produced losses for the past five years, not only successfully sold its stock recently but saw it race up from $25 to $34 within days. The shares of a host of computer-related companies that have have slim prospects of ever making profits have also soared.

Even Planet Hollywood, the restaurant chain, issued shares amid criticism about its fundamental value. But investors rushed in because they knew everyone else would be buying and the shares nearly doubled in value in the first few days.

The share frenzy has been driven by small investors pouring money into mutual funds — the US equivalent of unit trusts. In the first six months of this year, a record $139.5 billion — more than for the whole of last year — has come into mutuals whose managers can hardly invest fast enough. But since small investors are usually the last to benefit from a price rise before the market turns, their enthusiasm is perhaps ominous.

The euphoria, however, has been a bonanza for Wall Street, where this month the number of people employed in the financial sector will pass the previous record set in the month before the October 1987 crash.

The 40 per cent profit surge announced by JP Morgan for its second quarter was typical of the industry's buoyancy. Meanwhile, the 23-year-old investment bankers — and everyone else — really have received bonuses beyond most people's wildest dreams. Expectations are so high that when CS First Boston tried to limit its bonus levels more than two dozen senior executives who had been expecting a windfall walked out. But as the stock market has hit peak after peak, brokers have had to work harder to explain why investors should not worry that the normal measures of share value are showing that the market is overpriced.



❛Luxury retailers can hardly keep up❜

The ratio of prices to company earnings is around 20 per cent above its historic average, while dividend yields are about the lowest they have ever been. The brokers say that old measures no longer apply. Increasingly, however, the mood is turning against them.

Michael Metz, equity strategist at Oppenheim, the fund management group, says: "The bull market is over. The bounce back from last Friday's 100-point fall on the Dow Jones index is the weakest we've seen all year. All the factors that supported the market have disappeared. There is a short-term inflation problem, interest rates are going up and the outlook for company earnings is not good."

Most ominous of all is that in spite of the money pouring into mutuals, the market has moved up about only seven per cent. Few analysts believe the market is heading for a 1987 style crash, but a gradual decline for the rest of 1996 and 1997 is more likely. Time, perhaps, for a last cigar and a ride in a stretch limo before the fun ends.

Dow Jones sneeze is a local difficulty

ANTHONY HARRIS

Last month, it was fear of the Fed that drove US prices down; but this time it is dawning reality. Cheap equity capital has financed over-expansion (see this column last week), and disappointing profits merit a re-rating. Corporate treasurers have meanwhile delivered a double whammy. Fearing that bargain capital may go away, they have crowded the calendar with new issues, and so drained liquidity faster than the mutual funds can supply it. This correction is led not by small men, but by the professionals.

There was a sneeze, too — or rather a coughing fit. The US market has been swallowing too many half-plausible stories, and some have stuck in its throat. Ostriches? Forget our Anglo-Australian follies; at least there is a profitable new market out there, somewhere. Talk, rather, of microchips and the Internet. These were the sirens that tempted the technofreaks and the mutual funds that serve them.

Chips have followed the computers that need them into the technology trap — the inevitable slide from pioneering into a plain commodity market. This process took a measurable time in the past: chemicals, nuclear power and then petrochemicals each had long enough in the sun to acquire a nice glow. Electronic events, however, move near the speed of light. A couple of years ago, most major companies (except our own canny GEC), and hundreds of minor ones, were planning chip fabrication plants — Fabs, as US aficionados like to call them. Not so fab. None of them imagined that they were playing a role in a chase-your-tail game as old as farming: the hog cycle. Prices rise, so put the sows to rut. Next year, a glut. Only those out of step make money.

The Internet is different. Nobody wins, and that goes for most things labelled "multimedia". We have been here before. Remember the excitement over Teletext? Prestel, which was to be the Internet of its time, is now just a tool of the travel trade, and Ceefax and Oracle cost burdens to broadcasters. Same story this time, but writ larger.

A few careful specialists have succeeded as niche multimedia publishers, but the conglomerates have lost more money than they are ever likely to make. And the Net itself seems to be pure trap, except for the leading information services. Net servers have competed margins clean away. Net advertisers cannot persuade users to screen their ads. Many losses, hardly any profits.

Yet the US small company market, and especially Nasdaq, is cluttered with companies in these areas. Many will simply fade away. A few have declared profits: even worse. The figures turn them from pure speculations to companies with price/-earnings ratios of up to 600; everyone loses hope.

The interesting question is not why these companies have disappointed, but why Wall Street was so gullible in the first place.

The answer, of course, lies in the bull market itself, and the imaginations of the mutual fund promoters who have served it — themes explored elsewhere in these pages. But that leaves one question unanswered: why should London, and still more pointedly Tokyo, have followed Wall Street down?

Pavlov knew the answer: it is a conditioned reflex; for there is no objective justification for global nerves. The Dow may now be near the end of a routine 10 per cent correction, and the tell-tale ratios, notably the bond-yield earnings ratio, are by no means abnormal.

Meanwhile, buyers of British Energy have lost as much money in two trading days as those who bought the Dow at its June peak.

It is true that the US derivatives market is still looking for further falls, but this may be pure hedging. Even if it is not, remember that this is a correction special to Wall Street.

Britain and Japan are at a much earlier stage of recovery, with good earnings prospects. British yields remain generous, and London has virtually no high-tech earthquake zone. The institutions are unusually liquid, and corporate treasurers are buyers of stock, not sellers. Wall Street's warning should be London's opportunity.

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Sheepish feeling

HUGH CORBETT, the frothy publican and owner of the Tup pubs, was brought to task for nodding off at Walton Street Magistrates' Court. The colourful Corbett, who was in court appointing a second licensee to share the responsibilty of running his new string of pubs, including the Fulham Tup which does not close until one in the morning, was slightly embarrassed at having to be woken. "I'm sorry, but I can't help it," he pleaded. "These late nights are killing me. It doesn't seem long ago that last orders meant you went to bed early and spent Sundays relatively sober." The hard-working 52-year-old who founded the Slug and Lettuce pub chain hardly has time to enjoy his favourite tipple — Pimms with extra gin.

Indexed odds

IG INDEX, the City markets' bookie, is gambling on a deal close to home — whether the merger talks between rivals City Index and Sporting Index will go ahead. Stuart Wheeler, IG managing director, has made a sportsman's bet with colleagues that the companies have a 60 per cent chance of merging, whereas his more cautious employees are plumping for 30 per cent.

Creamed off

SACKING directors is clearly getting more expensive. A report published yesterday by PIRC, the corporate governance consultancy, shows just how urgent it is for companies to start complying with the recommendations of the Greenbury committee on rolling contracts for directors lasting only one year. In 1994, the top 250 companies paid out £19.8 million in compensation to departing directors. In 1995, compensation rose to £23.2 million. And in the first six months of this year, £22.8 million was paid out. It looks like being a record year for dismissed fat cats.

"I had a bit of luck — my allocation was nil"

AN UNFORTUNATELY placed advertisement in a national newspaper yesterday put a rather sinister slant on the scaling down of Siemens's plans for its £1.1 billion investment in North Tyneside. After reading that the German electronics giant may not go ahead with the second phase of the planned development at the Tyneside plant, I turned the page only to discover a recruitment advertisement for Siemens, with a strapline that boasts: "Wherever you come from, we know where you're going to."

Trim service

SOMERFIELD, the supermarket chain heading for flotation, is making waves with an innovative shopping service. To avoid long queues and appease frustrated yachties and locals alike, the tiny Somerfield store in West Cowes, which took an extra £52,000 at the height of last year's race week, has installed a fax machine to receive grocery orders. Hungry shoppers, who spend an average of £300 per visit, are already feeding their faxes with shopping lists for smoked salmon and champagne, which the supermarket will pack in boxes ready to be collected.

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Grofund Equity	265.30	282.20	-5.30	1.90
Grofund Euro	262.30	277.50	-5.20	0.57
Grofund Expl Bal	131.90	136.70	.	2.57
Grofund Gilt	77.51	79.91	-0.06	6.57
Grofund Japan	178.00	188.30	-0.40	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	629.70	669.90	-15.50	2.62
General Inc	535.00	569.20	-13.10	2.62
UK Growth Acc	428.00	455.40	-11.60	2.82
UK Growth Inc	281.00	299.00	-7.80	2.82
Higher Inc Acc	754.30	802.50	-18.70	4.38
Higher Inc Inc	411.50	437.80	-10.20	4.38
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	*207.40*	*219.10*	*-0.50*	*5.84*
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.09	98.33	-0.23	5.84
Nth America	344.60	366.70	-13.30	
Europe	345.40	367.50	-8.00	0.44
Brit Excel	84.77	90.18†	-2.29	3.02
Brit Fndmtls Acc	109.40	116.40	-2.90	5.03
Brit Fndmtls Inc	75.01	79.80	-1.95	5.03
Global Opps	100.40	106.90†	-2.30	0.12
Balanced Acc	60.87	64.78	-1.30	2.78
Balanced Inc	57.85	61.26	-1.15	2.78
Japan Acc	46.93	49.93	-0.23	
Pac Basin Acc	398.30	423.70	-7.10	0.89
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.90	136.80†	.	7.13
High Inc Equity	174.80	187.00†	-3.60	4.61
Worldwide Bond	284.20	301.30	-0.10	4.88
American Growth	356.20	382.90	-8.20	0.20
Asian Pacific	336.50	358.90	-4.30	0.19
Assets & Earnings	*382.30*	*408.40*	*-5.70*	*2.87*
Euro Capital Acc	178.10	188.30	-3.60	0.84
Extra Inc	43.09	45.84†	-0.47	7.82
General	264.10	281.00	-6.80	3.12
Global Opps	67.50	71.81	-1.37	0.56
Japan	123.20	131.80	-0.70	
Managed Inc	46.96	49.96†	-0.72	4.65
Mastertrust	165.10	176.60	-2.40	0.82
US Emerging Cos	200.70	213.50	-5.70	
Ethical	78.10	83.08†	-1.82	2.67
International	136.40	145.10	-2.40	0.37
Dividend & Growth	65.03	69.18†	-1.33	4.44
Global Gwth & Sec	73.09	78.08	-0.04	2.42
Latin America	85.77	89.97	-1.50	
Capital Reserve	144.50	144.60	+0.20	5.19
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	*2341.00*	*2428.00*		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	56.12	58.29	-1.75	0.53
Emerging Mkts	73.55	77.60	-0.87	0.04
European	145.80	151.60	-3.30	
Exempt	1058.00	1124.30†	-19.10	1.68
Extra Income #	45.24	48.55†	-0.95	6.82
Far East Emg Ecn	*131.40*	*137.90†*	*-2.00*	*0.45*
Fixed Interest #	24.96	25.96	-0.19	9.28
Fund Inv Tst	148.00	155.40†	-2.70	9.87
Japan	188.00	195.50	-0.50	
Latin American	59.19	61.69	-1.17	0.79
Pacific	84.12	88.33	-1.09	0.30
Property Share	68.84	70.16†	-0.59	2.50
UK Emerging Cos	71.50	77.29†	-1.33	1.25
UK Growth	50.62	53.46	-1.20	2.20
Amer World Port #	*78.65*	*80.22†*	*-1.64*	*1.95*
Ethical	74.64	77.62†	-1.44	2.27
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.58	50.58†	-0.08	7.42
For AEGON see Mallesta				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdtl Property #	95.87	102.90		5.05
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	86.81	92.11	-1.87	2.18
Income Builder Inc	76.08	80.94†	-1.64	4.48
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts:				
Growth & Income	267.60	286.00	-4.90	3.25
Capital	*473.60*	*506.20*	*-10.80*	*1.24*
Balanced	772.10	825.30†	-14.30	2.52
Accumulator	1486.00	1588.00†	-28.00	1.98
Income Trusts				
American Income	58.92	62.90	-0.98	2.54
High Income	434.40	464.30	-7.20	4.08
Equity Income	241.00	257.60†	-4.00	4.11
High Yield	262.30	280.30	-4.20	4.29
Govt Securities	33.76	35.62	-0.06	6.13
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	193.90	207.20	-5.80	0.06
European Growth	52.50	56.06	-0.62	0.07
International	184.50	197.20†	-3.30	0.11
Japan	213.20	227.90†	-1.10	
Pacific	421.00	450.00†	-4.50	
Secs of America	532.70	567.90	-17.60	0.14
Wwide Asset Val	55.35	59.16	-0.72	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	597.10	638.20	-10.30	2.14
Conv & Gilt	47.79	51.08	-0.61	4.24
Smaller Cos	208.20	222.50†	-4.50	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	198.40	212.00	-4.20	0.87
Recovery	161.90	173.00†	-3.40	1.63
Met Min & Cdty	163.50	174.70	-4.30	0.18
Overs Earnings	400.40	428.00†	-8.40	1.17
Technology	207.30	221.60	-6.90	
UK Special Sits	556.40	594.70	-10.90	1.05
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	113.10	117.50	-3.10	3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	68.48	71.14	-1.49	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	77.25	82.18†	-2.42	1.06
International	68.83	73.22†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	322.50	345.20	-8.30	
Bond	115.40	121.50†	-0.30	6.87
Brit Smlr Cos	117.20	124.70	-2.40	1.80
Conv & Gen #	70.89	75.41	-1.64	5.21
Europe	270.90	287.70	-6.40	0.59
Euro Smlr Cos	122.10	130.00	-1.70	0.81
Income Gwth	364.90	388.20†	-6.90	4.45
Japan	330.60	351.50	-2.00	
Latin American	85.04	90.47†	-1.95	0.87
Pacific	115.20	122.50	-1.70	1.20
UK Smlr Cos	59.79	63.61	-0.80	1.25
Japan Fd	697.10	718.40	-1.00	
Mngd Fd	195.00	207.10	-3.40	2.90
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	362.00	382.90		0.92
Capital Gwth	*125.50*	*131.93*		*2.51*
Wwide Opps	218.50	231.10		0.90
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	398.90	415.50	-8.80	2.58
European Bd Inc	94.20	97.50†	-0.05	6.83
Exempt	77.65	82.80	-1.88	3.07
Financial	93.74	99.72	-2.38	2.87
500	503.90	550.10	-10.00	2.45
General	307.40	329.20	-6.50	2.67
Property	250.90	258.50†		6.23
Trustee	211.50	226.30†	-4.60	2.46
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20†		4.98
Gilt & Fxd Inc	57.72	59.74	-0.13	8.03
Income Builder #	66.78	71.23	-1.24	5.60
Intl Income	67.67	71.99†	-1.15	2.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	134.60	143.60	-3.10	2.21
Leisure	172.70	184.70	-5.10	0.69
Special Sits	372.50	399.50	-9.30	0.89
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	167.20	177.40	-4.20	0.07
Aust Acc	268.50	286.50	-7.20	1.99
Aust Inc	160.60	171.50†	-4.40	1.99
Euro Gwth Inc	183.40	194.90	-4.40	0.57
-do- Accum	198.10	210.50	-4.70	0.57
Japan & Gen Inc	154.10	162.20	-1.00	
-do- Accum	155.90	165.00	-1.10	
Japan Spec Sit	72.05	76.75	-0.49	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	97.83	104.27†	-1.29	2.42
American Portfolio	114.18	121.35†	-3.13	0.91
European Portfolio	129.17	138.15	-1.45	0.63
High Income	51.24	51.37	-0.07	7.49
Japanese Portfolio	70.35	74.76†	-0.26	
Pacific Portfolio	153.58	165.16†	-2.04	1.42
UK Equity	93.52	99.82	-1.69	3.13
UK Equity & Bd	55.53	58.83	-0.40	6.44
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	733.17	744.25	-5.09	4.42
Fxd Int Sec	153.93	154.55	+0.61	9.25
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	731.35	742.47	+6.62	4.49
Investment Acc	533.33	533.83	+30.21	
Fixed Int Inc	124.53	125.03	+0.47	9.28
Fixed Int Acc	221.84	222.72	+0.85	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	86.22	91.14		3.26
Beck Bio-Tech	43.30	46.89†		
Accum Ethical Fd	184.71	193.96†		0.45
City Fin Assets	78.86	82.61		1.58
City Fin America	114.99	120.75		
City Fin Intl	93.56	98.25		0.45
City Fin Japan	154.27	162.08		
Friars Hse Cap	307.61	327.24†		2.28
Friars Hse Inc	196.68	209.23		3.61
Beckley Wrld Grth	149.53	158.50		
J Stl Inc/Gth Inc	56.57	59.40†		3.32
Shaw Utilities	55.69	60.03	-1.04	6.06
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.50	61.01	-0.92	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	75.30	80.11	-2.82	
Dragon Growth	71.80	76.70	-1.10	0.39
Equity High Inc	84.88	90.90	-2.11	4.49
-do- Accum	120.66	129.33	-3.01	4.49
Extra Income Inc	26.02	27.39†	-0.03	7.64
Extra Income Acc	28.19	29.68	-0.03	7.64
European Gwth	60.41	64.10	-1.33	0.99
Evergreen	31.94	34.16	-0.71	
General Equity	96.94	102.85	-2.67	3.22
Japan Growth	52.72	56.09	-0.49	
Pedigree Gwth	60.73	64.61	-1.75	2.64
Pad Sm Cos Inc	37.30	39.68	-0.78	1.53
-do- Accum	39.52	42.04	-0.83	1.53
Retirement Inc #	26.33	28.01	-0.62	6.22
Special Sits	45.58	48.49	-1.29	2.39
UK & Overseas	56.83	60.06	-1.43	0.79
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	65.01	68.76	-1.26	4.17
Capital	78.16	81.41	-2.03	2.41
High Income	50.77	52.88†	-0.17	7.17
Top 50	52.36	54.54	-1.37	2.24
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	184.98	192.69	-4.73	4.77
Long Gilt	41.70	43.40†	-0.29	6.49
Monthly Inc Plus	48.63	50.65	-0.24	8.84
Preference Share	47.08	49.04†	-0.21	8.13
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	132.77	138.30†	-3.04	6.17
Managed Fund	75.04	78.17	-1.39	2.75
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.11	52.20	-1.24	1.82
-do- Accum	59.22	61.99	-1.47	1.82
UK & General	92.49	96.34	-2.82	2.68
-do- Accum	119.96	124.96	-3.39	2.68
UK Growth	181.33	189.09	-5.12	1.49
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	*206.15*	*214.74*	*-4.05*	*0.67*
Far Eastern Grth	139.08	144.87	-1.91	0.02
Global Bond	81.18	84.56	+0.10	5.86
Japan Growth	115.22	120.02	-0.61	
North Amer Gth	222.30	231.56	-6.19	
Oriental Growth	82.93	86.39	-1.60	0.27
Worldwide Growth	72.89	75.93	-1.26	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.58	92.58	+0.01	5.18
Homemaker Fund	88.33	93.97	-2.35	1.61
Quilter Fund	147.42	156.83	-4.04	1.99
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.10	38.59		3.21
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	172.89	183.80	-3.60	1.70
Income	68.88	73.28	-1.39	4.94
European	72.96	77.62	-1.31	0.78
Recovery	181.70	193.30	-5.50	1.81
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9484				
Equity Dist	939.20	954.30		3.53
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	106.90	113.70	-3.30	1.14
Income #	274.30	291.80	-6.80	4.34
-do- Accum #	718.00	763.80	-18.00	4.24
Smaller Cos	226.50	240.98†	-6.80	0.89
-do- Accum	281.20	299.10†	-8.50	0.87
Gth Portfolio	97.76	104.00	-2.80	1.64
High Inc Port #	*79.40*	*84.46*	*-2.06*	*4.50*
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1834				
Euro Small Cos	1697.70	1758.00		
Japan Small Cos	1323.40	1349.90		
UK Small Cos	2205.40	2295.30		2.69
US Small Cos	2137.20	2179.30		0.95
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	231.30	243.50		2.97
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	159.10	169.20†	-3.40	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	167.20	177.80†	-3.20	3.84
-do- Accum	225.70	240.10†	-4.30	3.84
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.91	61.43†	-0.09	6.02
Environmtl Opps	95.98	102.10†	-2.10	0.98
UK Smlr Cos #	66.64	70.89†	-1.69	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.63	51.73†	-0.13	8.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 690 536				
American	167.90	177.80	-5.10	0.45
Convertibles #	*21.93*	*23.30†*	*-0.45*	*6.01*
Equity Income #	138.10	144.60†	-3.00	4.15
EuroFund	61.15	64.80	-1.24	0.62
Financial	52.48	55.76	-1.28	1.61
Growth & Inc #	276.10	293.40	-6.30	2.99
High Dist #	170.40	181.10	-3.90	4.36
International	434.70	461.90	-9.30	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	102.10	109.00†	-2.20	2.48
Latin American	32.14	34.15	-0.84	
Pacific	84.65	89.94	-1.45	
Pref High Inc	21.51	22.85†	-0.14	7.88
Tokyo	232.00	247.10	-1.60	
UK Smaller Cos	254.60	270.50	-7.10	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	323.30	341.20	-7.70	1.06
New Asia	235.40	251.30	-2.60	0.23
Nth Amer	389.60	412.30†	-8.30	0.71
UK Inc & Gth	236.20	253.09	-4.50	2.93
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	251.10	267.99	-5.18	0.39
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
Ethical Tst	46.10	49.53	-1.00	0.94

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	72.99	77.76	-2.72	
-do- Accum	72.99	77.76	-2.72	
Amer Smllr Cos	625.90	669.40	-24.00	
-do- Accum	639.40	683.90	-24.40	
Capital Tst	380.00	404.30	-8.40	1.50
-do- Accum	565.20	590.60	-12.20	1.50
Conti Smlr Cos	61.87	65.89†	-0.32	0.42
-do- Accum	65.82	70.10†	-0.34	0.42
Convertible	138.60	147.40†	-1.80	5.86
-do- Accum	299.90	319.00†	-3.90	5.86
Emerging Markets	70.50	75.32	-0.99	0.30
-do- Accum	70.73	75.57	-1.00	0.30
European	144.40	153.10	-4.00	0.45
-do- Accum	153.00	162.30	-4.30	0.45
Extra Income	360.90	383.90†	-17.90	4.10
-do- Accum	574.50	611.20†	-14.10	4.10
Financial	159.90	170.10	-3.10	0.46
-do- Accum	170.00	180.80	-3.30	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.01	66.81	-0.12	6.79
-do- Accum	96.95	99.97	-0.13	6.79
Health Fund Inc	242.00	258.60	-14.00	
-do- Accum	242.00	258.60	-14.00	
Income & Growth	217.10	231.00	-5.30	4.02
-do- Accum	343.90	365.90	-8.50	4.02
Intl Growth	424.00	452.00	-11.30	
-do- Accum	470.90	501.90	-12.60	
Japan & Gen	178.80	189.90	-0.90	
-do- Accum	180.60	191.80	-0.90	
Monthly Inc #	186.30	198.20†	-4.00	4.38
Managed Port Inc	115.60	121.70	-4.50	1.47
-do- Accum	125.50	132.10	-4.90	1.47
Quarterly Income #	55.28	59.28	-1.38	4.91
-do- Accum #	62.39	67.00	-1.57	4.91
Recovery	359.20	384.20†	-9.10	0.23
-do- Accum	424.00	453.50†	-10.80	0.23
UK Growth	61.96	65.94	-1.76	2.99
-do- Accum	*67.21*	*71.50*	*-1.90*	*2.99*
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715895 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	57.34	61.00	-1.60	0.40
FP Am Smllr Cos	193.20	206.60	-6.60	
FP Asian Growth	281.80	301.30†	-2.70	
FP Australian	384.20	412.20	-11.10	
FP Equity Dist	427.70	456.00	-9.30	2.63
-do- Accum	942.90	[illegible]	-21.00	2.63
FP Euro Gth	272.60	290.00	-6.50	
-do- Accum	298.30	317.30	-7.10	
FP Intl Bond	59.59	63.05	-0.01	4.47
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.44	39.95	-0.63	0.15
-do- Accum	54.66	58.33	-0.92	0.15
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.80	237.00	-2.60	
FP Income #	55.57	59.27†	-1.17	5.36
-do- Accum #	194.20	207.10	-4.10	5.36
FP Jap Smllr Cos	324.90	346.50	-1.20	
FP Monthly Dist #	73.76	78.18†	-1.00	5.89
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†		5.05
FP Tokyo	84.78	90.43	-0.53	
FP UK Focus	40.14	43.04	-0.92	2.61
FP UK Growth	185.30	197.60†	-3.70	2.49
-do- Accum	373.40	399.20	-7.60	2.49
Stewardship Dist	409.90	436.00	-8.70	1.53
-do- Accum	513.90	546.60	-10.90	1.53
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	80.46	85.59	-1.30	4.82
-do- Accum #	109.00	115.90	-1.60	4.82
N Am Stshp Dist	*117.60*	*125.10†*	*-2.70*	*0.47*
-do- Accum	126.40	134.40	-2.90	0.47
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	125.10	133.00	-0.50	1.64
Open Cap Gth Acc	129.70	137.98	-0.40	0.16
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	117.60	125.30	-0.30	2.96
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	123.30	131.10	-0.30	2.96
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	119.60	127.20	-0.10	3.47
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	125.80	133.80	-0.20	3.47
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	278.90	294.90		2.09
Cash	49.66	50.40		5.28
Growth Portfolio	87.93	93.20		0.88
Income Portfolio	68.33	72.26		4.26
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	222.40	237.90†	-2.70	1.11
Dividend	92.67	99.11	-1.89	5.00
Intl Gth & Inc	233.50	249.70†	-7.30	3.61
UK & Gen	47.63	50.94	-1.27	2.85
Fund of Funds	75.71	80.97	-0.20	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	231.70	247.80	-10.20	0.13
European Gth	708.90	758.20	-19.70	0.63
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	*53.28*	*56.58*	*-0.54*	*5.02*
-do- Accum	59.13	62.79	-0.60	5.02
Far East & Gen	266.80	285.20	-3.70	
German Growth	141.10	149.60	-1.60	
High Yield #	48.96	51.74	-0.13	8.10
-do- Accum #	53.02	56.03	-0.13	8.10
Income Inc	188.30	201.40	-4.40	4.24
-do- Accum	211.50	226.20	-5.00	4.24
International	382.80	408.40	-9.80	0.30
Intl Income	91.60	97.00†	-1.63	3.06
Japan Growth	452.50	480.20	-2.40	
Korean Securities	58.42	62.49	+0.30	
Orient Acc	185.30	198.20	-2.20	0.17
UK General Inc	191.60	205.00	-4.80	0.92
UK General Acc	339.00	362.60	-8.20	0.92
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	57.21	61.19	-1.25	1.90
UK Spec Sits	100.60	107.60	-3.30	1.20
US Growth	179.10	190.20	-6.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	*156.60*	*168.70†*	*-1.50*	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	56.62	60.51	-1.46	1.88
Cash Trust	145.05	145.06†	+0.01	5.20
Practical Inv Inc #	119.41	127.71	-2.55	3.77
-do- Accum #	281.61	301.19	-6.00	3.77
UK Index	169.35	170.30	-4.40	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	185.92	198.85	-1.17	0.58
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.08	24.95†	-0.48	7.94
High Income	33.30	35.58	-0.59	5.31
UK Equity Income	149.21	159.78	-3.92	3.17
Global Bond	29.56	30.64†	-0.03	5.22
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	49.12	51.46	-0.58	
Global Managed	147.56	156.87	-2.68	1.34
Gold & Intl Res	*114.78*	*122.76†*	*-2.46*	
Global Utilities	141.41	150.87†	-3.15	1.29
Overseas Funds				
American	187.30	198.95†	-6.44	1.10
European	129.25	137.16	-3.50	0.85
Euro Sel Opps	197.75	210.14	-4.86	
Amer Emerging	162.13	173.48	-7.87	
Hong Kong	155.54	166.43	-3.26	1.66
Japan	246.65	262.11	-1.65	
Pacific Growth	225.60	241.28†	-2.46	
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	247.82	247.82†	-5.36	2.05
Long Term Bal	267.28	267.28†	-4.60	2.83
Med Term Bal	220.98	220.98†	-3.07	3.07
UK Equity	285.59	285.59	-6.63	2.80
UK Emerging Cos	173.42	173.42†	-3.92	1.93
American	300.39	300.39	-9.17	1.02
Japan	136.36	136.36	-1.34	
European	331.71	331.71	-8.36	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	*182.17*	*182.17†*	*-0.58*	*2.72*
Fixed Interest	170.82	170.82	-0.89	6.57
Amer Emergcs	364.91	364.91	-15.47	
Pacific	241.20	241.20*	-2.12	0.83
Emerging Mkts	129.29	129.29	-1.59	0.42
Index Strat Japan	150.52	150.52†	-0.37	0.11
-do- Pacific Rim	233.13	233.13†	-2.56	1.21
-do- Cont Europe	152.25	152.25†	-3.54	1.17
Index Strat USA	175.92	175.92†	-5.20	1.81
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	187.88	201.47	-2.07	2.11
European Value	92.41	98.74	-2.04	1.28
-do- Accum	99.42	106.23	-2.19	1.28
Japan Trust	236.40	251.47†	-0.75	
Japan Smllr Cos	249.17	265.51	-1.89	
Pacific Smlr Cos	248.58	264.83	-2.87	
North American	293.33	311.26†	-9.12	
American Smaller	167.02	178.38	-5.78	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Income & Growth #	152.69	160.90	-3.40	5.13
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	115.04	120.46	-2.99	2.09
Capital	197.01	206.29	-4.61	1.17
Dollar	464.45	486.34	-18.33	
Enterprise Gth	*419.35*	*439.11*	*-12.39*	*1.25*
European	272.18	285.00†	-6.43	0.30
Far East	321.92	337.09	-3.77	
Financial	958.34	[illegible]	-20.81	2.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.82	26.86†	-0.06	6.92
High Yield	103.73	108.62	-2.26	4.03
Income & Growth	152.39	159.57	-3.59	3.31
International	*291.27*	*305.00†*	*-5.80*	
Japanese General	222.67	233.16	-0.83	
Japan Tech	97.04	101.61	-0.58	
Nat Resources	*85.94*	*89.99*	*-2.21*	
Portfolio	83.87	87.82	-1.84	1.28
Special Sits	196.86	206.13	-8.22	
UK Emerging Cos	126.65	132.62	-2.68	0.65
US Smaller Cos	147.58	154.54†	-5.20	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	590.50	630.20†	-14.50	5.68
Capital	*677.30*	*722.80*	*-23.30*	*2.49*
High Income #	109.40	116.80†	-2.00	6.50
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	577.80	612.10	-17.80	0.37
European Gwth	140.30	149.40	-3.80	0.01
Japan Gwth	284.80	303.50	-2.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	37.32	39.83	+0.01	
Asian	63.43	67.70	-1.03	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	86.14	91.93	-1.11	
Hong Kong Gwth	131.50	140.30	-2.00	1.14
Global Bond	22.12	23.36†	-0.01	5.36
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	156.30	157.10†	-4.10	3.73
Trade Index	125.60	128.80	-3.10	2.11
THE FOOTSIE FUND	80.15	80.45†	-1.58	3.15
Index Funds-International				
American Index	262.60	263.90	-7.60	1.13
Eurotrack 100	*190.00*	*191.00*	*-4.10*	*1.38*
Japan Index	80.14	80.54	-0.55	0.07
Tiger Index	209.40	210.50	-4.00	0.43
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	45.61	47.41	-3.06	0.42
General Funds				
Managed Dist	86.32	89.73†	-1.53	1.18
Managed	88.69	92.19†	-1.57	1.18
Rupert Child Fnd	95.47	99.24†	-2.36	2.15
UK Growth	*66.79*	*69.43†*	*-1.70*	*1.82*
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	83.17	86.46†	-3.83	6.74
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.58	27.42†	-0.01	8.23
UK Inc & Gwth	45.14	46.92†	-1.09	3.23
UK Income #	356.50	370.60†	-5.70	4.73
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	57.85	59.96	-1.93	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	146.50	152.30†	-7.90	
-do- Accum	148.00	153.80†	-8.10	
Europe Gth	226.00	234.40	-7.70	
-do- Accum	234.00	242.70	-8.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	44.43	46.18	-1.15	
French Growth	94.06	97.77	-2.63	0.33
-do- Accum	101.70	105.70	-2.80	0.33
H Kong & China	91.67	95.29	-1.48	1.46
Intl Growth	66.29	68.91	-1.36	0.11
-do- Accum	67.22	69.88	-1.38	0.11
Japan Gth	32.90	34.20†	-0.28	
-do- Accum	32.90	34.20†	-0.28	
Japan Smaller Cos	41.83	43.48	-0.50	
Glob Emg Mkts	99.04	103.00†	-1.80	
-do- Accum	99.74	103.70†	-1.90	
SE Asia	343.10	356.70	-5.30	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.28	54.90†	+0.04	5.25
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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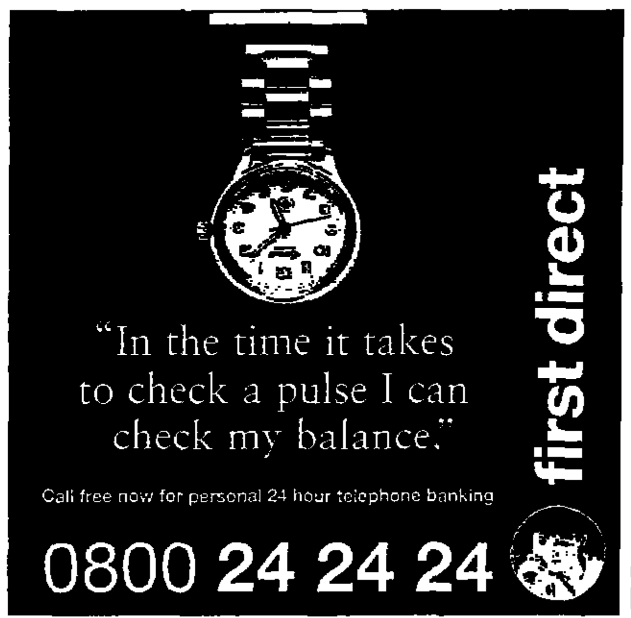
Sector Value Inc #	96.29	101.70	-2.00	3.97
Sector Value Gwth	97.40	102.90	-2.00	2.29
Hy 5 Europe	95.91	100.70†	-1.90	2.98
Slater Gwth	147.10	155.30	-4.00	0.84
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	183.80	195.50	-12.40	
Income #	200.57	213.37†	-5.12	4.53
UK Growth	81.35	86.54†	-1.82	1.98
Intl Growth	89.11	94.79†	-1.59	0.45
Ecology	99.36	105.70	-2.68	1.02
European	197.01	209.58†	-3.65	
Far Eastern	*311.50*	*331.30*	*-2.30*	
UK Special Sits	46.14	49.21	-1.24	



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.22	102.80†	-0.20	7.39
Gilt Yield	117.20	123.63†	-0.40	6.55
-do- Accum	469.00	499.30†	-14.00	5.85
Smllr Cos Dis	59.72	62.53	-1.29	3.19
Capital Growth Trusts				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	110.40	117.50	-0.80	
Master Trust	65.75	69.95†	-1.15	1.34
-do- Accum	75.92	80.77	-1.33	1.34
Millennium Acc	93.06	99.01		2.36
N American Gth	228.20	242.80†	-7.90	
-do- Accum	264.10	281.00	-8.90	
NAm Sm Co Rec	185.10	197.00	-9.60	
-do- Accum	189.00	201.10	-9.80	
Pacific Basin	267.90	285.00	-9.80	0.21
-do- Accum	285.40	303.70	-10.30	0.21
Small Cos Rec	506.10	532.80	+5.50	1.61
-do- Accum	683.90	730.10	+7.50	1.61
UK Eq Gth	156.70	165.70	-3.50	2.95
UK Eq Inc	122.00	129.80	-2.50	4.27
UK Growth	98.30	104.60†	-3.50	2.25
-do- Accum	123.40	131.30	-4.40	2.25
Worldwide Gth	352.40	374.90	-11.20	
-do- Accum	520.80	554.10	-18.50	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	81.50	87.23†	-2.51	0.40
General	100.93	108.29	-2.32	2.90
Income	69.74	74.82	-1.43	5.50
International	72.75	78.05†	-1.53	0.40
Japan	60.17	64.56	-0.58	
Tst of Inv Trusts	73.93	79.32	-1.75	1.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Srvc/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	492.40	520.10	-15.90	0.41
-do- Accum	615.30	649.98	-20.00	0.41
Amer Recovery	537.60	568.50	-16.00	0.39
-do- Accum	620.10	655.70	-18.50	0.39
Amer Smlr Cos	151.90	160.60†	-10.00	
-do- Accum	155.30	164.10†	-10.20	
Australasian	194.80	206.00	-5.60	2.68
-do- Accum	242.80	256.70	-7.00	2.68
Capital	950.30	1004.90	-27.70	3.04
-do- Accum	1119.70	1184.10	-32.60	3.04
Charifund	714.40	721.60	-13.28	6.17
-do- Accum	3604.60	3640.70	-68.60	6.17
Commodity	461.80	488.40	-12.38	0.45
-do- Accum	681.00	720.20	-18.20	0.45
Compound Gth	1034.20	1093.70	-25.40	3.13
-do- Accum	1128.20	1193.10	-27.80	3.13
Corporate Bond	24.73	24.82†	-0.09	7.70
Dividend	41.70	44.10	-1.10	4.96
-do- Accum	184.50	195.40	-4.70	4.96
Equity Income	336.80	356.20	-8.00	5.26
-do- Accum	456.70	482.50	-10.80	5.26
Euro & General	611.30	646.40†	-15.20	1.04
-do- Accum	785.10	830.20†	-19.40	1.04
Euro Dividend	79.50	84.10	-1.40	3.64
-do- Accum	98.80	104.50	-1.70	3.64
Extra Yield	438.20	463.40	-9.10	5.29
-do- Accum	1443.10	1526.10	-30.00	5.29
Far Eastern	380.80	402.70	-5.80	0.95
-do- Accum	*508.00*	*537.20*	*-7.70*	*0.95*
Fund of Inv Tsts	668.90	707.40	-17.40	1.99
-do- Accum	1283.70	1357.70	-33.40	1.99
General	64.40	68.10†	-1.60	4.05
-do- Accum	189.60	200.80†	-4.80	4.05
Gilt Income	60.35	60.44	-0.13	7.20
-do- Accum	180.19	180.46	-0.38	7.20
Gold	80.38	84.90†	-2.40	1.63
-do- Accum	96.10	101.60†	-2.80	1.63
High Income	30.60	32.40†	-0.70	5.02
-do- Accum	130.80	138.70†	-3.00	5.02
Intl Growth	88.90	94.00	-2.00	0.73
-do- Accum	156.50	165.40	-3.60	0.73
International Inc	107.30	113.50	-1.50	4.63
-do- Accum	168.00	177.70	-2.40	4.63
Japan & Gen	42.50	44.80	-0.20	
-do- Accum	45.50	48.10	-0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	157.00	166.00	-0.30	
-do- Accum	158.10	167.10	-0.40	
Managed Gwth	*26.30*	*27.70†*	*-0.60*	*1.81*
Managed Income	28.60	30.00†	-0.60	4.42
Midland	61.10	64.60	-1.50	3.43
-do- Accum	212.10	224.70	-5.30	3.43
Pension Ex	1017.20	1042.70	-24.10	4.59
Recovery	45.70	48.30†	-1.40	2.90
-do- Accum	78.60	83.00†	-2.50	2.99
Second General	72.00	76.10†	-1.90	4.03
-do- Accum	196.20	206.40†	-5.20	4.03
Smaller Cos	71.90	76.00	-2.10	3.28
-do- Accum	*147.20*	*155.60*	*-4.40*	*3.28*
Treasury	25.15	25.19†		5.64
Trustee	41.90	44.30	-0.80	4.95
-do- Accum	177.90	188.50	-3.20	4.95
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	96.91	103.09	-2.34	1.66
Intl Bond	64.44	67.72	+0.05	5.36
Intl Equity Growth	83.95	89.20	-1.91	0.84
N Amer Growth	126.80	134.75	-3.96	0.75
Special Sits Growth	26.19	27.86	-0.59	1.90
UK Growth	436.47	464.36	-9.11	2.60
-do- Accum	592.23	630.03	-12.36	2.60
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1476.50	1497.00		2.90
Income #	1008.50	1024.60†		4.00
MALDOR UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldor General	163.20	167.10†		3.62
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Prtfln	170.10	175.40†	-2.80	2.62
-do- Accum	201.90	208.20†	-3.40	2.62
UK Sel Prtfo	148.10	152.70†	-3.20	2.64
-do- Accum	179.60	184.10†	-3.80	2.64
UK 100 Cos	108.50	109.50	2.20	2.91
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Fd	72.19	76.80		3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	96.37	102.20†	-0.40	5.43
Income	95.72	101.30†	-2.30	2.52
Japan Growth	53.97	57.21†	-0.37	
Managed	79.49	84.56†	-1.46	2.08
Money Market	93.57	99.19†	+0.03	4.06
North American	106.90	113.30†		0.40
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	111.30	118.40†	-3.20	1.49
European Growth	123.50	130.90†	-1.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.08	96.59†	-0.35	5.44
Income	93.41	99.37†	-2.73	2.58
Japan Growth	53.69	56.91†	-0.36	
Managed	75.94	80.79†	-1.39	2.06
Money Market	86.29	91.47†	+0.03	4.02
North American	96.53	102.30†		0.48
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	110.50	117.60†	-3.20	1.49
European Growth	120.60	128.10†	-1.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.39	88.43†	-0.36	5.58
Income	91.07	96.68†	-2.21	2.64
Japan Growth	54.90	58.19†	-0.37	
Managed	78.57	83.59†	-1.44	2.07
Money Market	79.79	84.58†	+0.02	4.12
North American	108.10	114.60†		0.37
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.41	16.33		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
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American Gwth	427.80	454.90†	-16.00	
European Gth Inc	571.90	613.00†	-16.70	
-do- Accum	578.10	619.70†	-16.80	
Intl Gwth	223.10	237.80	-4.70	
UK Equity Inc	209.20	222.70	-5.00	3.75
Do. Accum	280.50	298.60	-6.70	3.75
UK Ind Trckr Inc	182.30	194.80	-4.90	2.58
-do- Accum	222.10	237.10	-6.00	2.58
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	258.90	274.30	-8.10	0.88
Japan Tracker	75.56	79.69	-0.45	
Asian Tracker	224.40	242.00	-3.20	0.15
Managed Inc	181.60	193.70†	-3.50	2.04
Managed Acc	198.30	211.50†	-3.80	2.04
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07	+0.02	5.22
Europa	289.20	311.80	-5.30	
Genesis	207.80	224.00	-5.80	2.49
High Income	*20.34*	*21.58†*	*-0.30*	*10.00*
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	105.00	107.30†	-1.60	2.18
Acumen Inc	96.29	98.32†	-1.48	2.16
Acumen Reserve	92.83	93.76†	-0.22	7.70
-do- Inc	72.69	73.42†	-0.18	7.70
American Growth	67.29	69.02	-2.33	
Equity Income #	98.80	101.30†	-1.90	4.83
European	80.27	81.80	-1.66	0.53
Smaller Cos	89.87	94.12	-2.42	1.15
W'wide Eqty	75.18	76.81	-1.95	
Global Bond	44.79	45.29	-0.02	5.83
UK Growth	107.20	110.00	-2.40	1.74
Pacific Growth	119.10	122.90	-1.70	0.51
Japan Growth	102.40	104.00	-0.40	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	138.30	147.13†	-2.80	2.96
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 6252				
UK Growth	83.08	88.38†	-2.33	2.51
UK Income	117.59	125.09	-2.98	4.40
Higher Income	227.91	242.45†	-4.74	4.57
Smaller Cos	105.51	112.24	-2.20	1.44
International	107.24	114.08	-2.95	1.34
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	124.50	132.40†	-4.10	0.10
European Dist	144.30	153.50	-2.70	0.30
Far East Dist	201.00	213.80	-2.70	
Global Care Dist	83.22	88.53†	-2.47	0.36
Overs Dist	1175.20	1250.20	-21.00	
-do- Accum	1525.20	1622.69	-27.40	
UK Dist	398.10	423.50	-10.50	2.13
-do- Accum	808.70	860.30	-21.20	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	90.77	96.56	-2.82	2.80
Wwide Dist	121.80	129.60	-2.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	86.88	92.43	-1.46	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 390				
Europe Inc	74.65	78.79	-1.75	0.78
Fund of Funds Inc	67.75	71.50†	-1.21	1.82
North America Inc	*64.02*	*67.58*	*-2.11*	*0.37*
UK Equity Gwth Inc	66.37	68.99	-1.84	2.93
-do- Accum	70.36	74.26	-1.99	2.93
UK General Inc	64.62	68.20	-1.81	2.99
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.84	50.40†	-0.22	6.67
UK Income Inc	62.50	65.96	-1.72	4.40
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	50.78	54.02	-2.06	
-do- Accum	51.18	54.44	-2.07	
Bond	123.48	131.02†	-0.58	5.81
Cash Income	50.36	50.36	+0.01	5.29
-do- Accum	68.46	68.46	+0.01	5.29
Distributor	97.28	103.48†	-2.41	3.11
European	54.40	57.87†	-0.97	
Foundation	102.58	109.12	-4.15	2.98
General Inc	209.28	222.63†	-1.76	1.52
General Acc	211.38	224.86†	-1.78	1.52
Global	*372.39*	*396.15*	*-7.64*	
Growth Inc	137.34	146.10	-1.69	2.55
Growth Acc	139.21	148.09	-1.72	2.55
Higher Income Inc	29.77	31.67	-0.30	5.02
-do- Accum	35.60	37.87	-0.37	5.02
Income	248.66	264.53†	-1.98	3.63
Intrepid	145.38	149.35		1.86
Japan	28.36	30.17	+0.37	
Oriental Inc	157.29	167.32	-2.02	0.75
-do- Accum	162.29	172.65	-2.09	0.75
Pers Intl Gwth	36.00	38.29	-0.77	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	45.61	48.26†	-0.81	7.45
Managed	112.40	118.90		2.47
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	138.46	145.75†	-2.47	1.07
UK Equity	158.85	167.21	-4.47	3.02
UK Equity Income	141.76	149.22	-3.57	3.60
UK Smaller Cos	132.59	139.57†	-3.91	1.76
UK Equity Growth	144.88	152.50	-4.17	1.14
UK Index Trckg	159.78	168.63	-3.16	3.51
Intl Index Trckg	167.08	176.34	-3.68	0.97
International	272.21	286.54	-5.38	0.80
European	246.46	259.43	-4.40	0.34
Pan European	162.19	170.73	-3.61	1.40
Nth American	225.74	237.62	-6.65	0.18
N Amer Smlr Cos	234.77	247.13†	-4.50	
Japanese	98.04	103.20†	-0.82	
Pacific	247.89	260.94†	-3.22	0.51
South East Asian	282.36	297.22	-4.15	0.65
Intl Bond	134.58	141.66†	-3.54	4.33
Gilt & Convertible	106.12	111.71†	-0.56	5.45
Property	81.38	85.66†	-0.10	5.75
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	354.00	383.00	-7.90	0.14
-do- Accum	375.90	408.80	-8.40	0.14
Japan Inc	117.00	124.90	-0.90	
Nth American Inc	124.90	131.00	-3.50	0.88
Worldwide Inc	174.70	187.00	-4.00	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	164.10	176.70	1.20	1.28
Swiss Equities Inc	89.40	95.58	-1.23	
Wwide Bond Inc	66.73	70.62	0.29	5.54
Emging Asia Inc	207.40	225.60	-1.10	
-do- Accum	208.10	226.50	-1.00	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.46	50.46	+0.01	5.67
Thailand Inc	166.70	175.70	0.40	1.30
New Zealand Inc	93.94	101.20	-1.91	3.06
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	68.67	73.84	-1.69	1.33
Latin Am Corp Inc	64.22	69.11	-2.21	
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	*66.04*	*67.11*	*-1.70*	*2.91*
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Traders	88.91	95.08	0.76	
Global Portfolio	80.27	85.85†	-0.36	
Global Opps	70.46	75.36	-0.28	
Marsh Global Gth	68.38	72.51	-1.44	
Temple Equity Inc	44.89	48.87†	1.11	4.23
Hartley Growth	107.40	114.30†	-2.30	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	89.01	95.70	-0.48	0.83

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	142.70	151.90†	-3.50	1.53
-do- Accum	158.20	168.30	-3.90	1.53
Technology	661.70	703.90	-21.70	
UK Blue Chip	83.56	88.89	-2.14	3.26
-do- Accum	96.02	102.20	-2.40	3.26
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	*44.85*	*46.48*	-0.83	1.76
Cash Haven Inc	101.54	102.04†	+0.01	5.04
Cash Haven Acc	117.90	118.48†	+0.01	5.04
Dist Trust Inc	102.33	106.04†	-1.68	6.54
Dist Trust Acc	114.68	118.84†	-1.88	6.54
Global Growth	102.58	109.13	-2.93	1.45
Equity Inc	86.57	92.10†	-1.78	4.74
Equity	829.01	881.93	-22.43	2.48
European	261.55	271.04†	-5.97	0.79
High Income	89.53	95.24†	-1.97	5.49
Intl Gth	215.27	229.01†	-4.89	0.75
Intl Sm Co	95.40	101.49	-1.57	0.66
Japanese	226.80	235.03	-0.78	
Nth Amer	225.25	233.49†	-6.47	1.32
Pacific Mkts	116.48	120.70	-2.06	0.70
Premier Inc	47.62	49.56†	-0.18	6.66
Sm Cos	110.05	117.07	-3.06	1.73
Spec Sits	120.71	128.41†	-3.23	2.75
UK Growth	140.55	149.52	-3.68	2.38
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 6966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	80.20	84.33	-1.64	3.96
Investment Trust	110.52	116.21	-2.55	
UK Smaller Cos	106.20	111.67†	-3.18	1.22
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	322.30	341.60	-6.20	3.64
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers. 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	635.64	675.42	-20.75	0.12
FA America (Acc)	744.90	791.52	-22.65	0.12
FA UK Equity Inc	174.41	186.43	-2.88	
FA Japan	241.38	256.72	-1.58	
FA Major UK Cos	109.37	116.69†	-2.42	2.06
FA Smlr UK Cos	386.21	420.55	-6.93	0.86
FA European	405.49	429.69	-8.37	0.49
FA Amer Smlr Cos	57.18	61.19	-1.16	
FA Asia	55.77	59.76	-0.77	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	45.61	48.68	-0.30	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	116.13	122.23	-2.53	
UK Smlr Cos	114.06	120.05	-1.97	
UK Income	114.75	120.78	-1.85	
America	128.57	135.33	-3.87	
Japanese	53.44	56.25	-0.34	
European	130.74	137.61	-2.88	
Gilt	98.37	103.54	-0.18	
Deposit	89.42	94.12		
Managed	113.83	119.81	-1.80	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	112.87	118.80	-2.45	
UK Smaller Cos	111.18	117.02	-1.94	
UK Income	111.72	117.59	-1.81	
America	124.89	131.45	-3.77	
Japanese	51.91	54.64	-0.33	
European	127.14	133.82	-2.61	
Gilt	96.18	101.24	-0.13	
Deposit	85.62	90.12		
Managed	106.26	111.84	-1.82	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	113.90	121.30	-3.30	0.25
Pacific Basin	82.78	88.06	-0.85	0.26
High Inc Dist	150.70	161.20	-0.90	4.09
Ryl Life Int Cmy	64.32	67.96	-0.25	3.81
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	76.96	82.04†	-1.04	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	73.79	78.50	-0.54	
UK Emerging Cos	146.90	156.80	-0.80	1.30
UK Index Trckg	190.10	202.00	-1.20	3.69
European	168.40	180.60	-0.90	0.26
Managed	176.70	190.01	-1.50	1.04
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	186.00	197.80†	-5.00	1.65
European Growth	138.10	146.50	-0.60	2.21
Far East Growth	148.70	158.20†	-1.40	1.70
Japan Growth	134.49	142.80	+0.10	
Special Sits	*239.20*	*253.40*	*-2.00*	*1.12*
UK Growth	96.19	102.30†	-0.70	1.88
Tolan General	285.10	303.30	-2.40	1.46
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.60	186.90	-1.80	0.66
Gt Euro Prog Inc	401.90	425.30	-7.30	0.26
-do- Accum	628.00	664.50	-11.60	0.26
Growth Inc	151.50	160.30	-3.50	0.49
-do- Accum	155.30	164.30	-3.60	0.49
International Inc	395.80	418.80	-8.90	0.32
-do- Accum	545.60	577.40	-12.20	0.32
Nth Am & Intl Inc	383.40	405.70	-10.40	0.53
UK Gen Prog Inc	244.50	258.70	-5.50	1.10
-do- Accum	280.00	296.30	-6.30	1.10
UK High Inc Inc	140.00	148.10	-3.50	4.72
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	122.30	130.10	-1.50	0.75
European Gwth	88.53	94.17	-1.67	1.00
Global Bd	60.97	64.44	-0.08	5.00
Japan	56.50	60.10	-0.19	
UK Gwth	87.37	92.94	-1.78	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	142.70	151.80	-4.30	
Cash	134.00	134.00†		5.27
China Dragon	62.64	66.64	-0.92	1.34
Commodity	150.20	159.80	-0.70	
Emerging Mkts	39.26	41.77†	+0.31	0.29
European Gwth	232.30	247.10	-5.10	0.29
Euro Smlr Cos	74.64	79.40	-1.21	0.10
Exempt Income #	*147.80*	*150.60*	*-3.70*	*3.41*
Extra Income #	54.66	56.42	-0.85	6.20
Far Eastern	113.90	121.20	-1.50	
FE Sm Cos	47.61	50.65†	-0.12	
Financial Secs	266.90	283.90	-6.10	1.07
Gold & Exploration	111.50	118.60	-3.10	
Growth	365.40	387.40	-8.70	1.79
High Income #	48.74	48.74	-0.12	7.58
Intl Bond	167.80	177.00	-0.40	6.03
ITU	232.70	247.50	-3.80	0.67
Japan Growth	180.40	191.80	-1.10	
Japan Smaller	194.40	206.80	-1.00	
Korea	56.66	60.28	-0.02	
Mastertrust	64.60	64.92†	-0.38	0.94
Premier Eq Gth	150.20	159.80†	-4.10	1.10
Premier Eq Inc #	338.90	360.50	-9.10	2.07
SE Asia	52.83	56.20	-0.97	0.03
Southern Africa	57.71	61.39	-0.98	1.33
UK & O'seas	190.20	202.30†	-4.70	1.53
UK Eqty Gth	76.34	81.21	-2.16	1.99
UK Eqty Inc #	243.20	258.70†	-3.20	4.15
UK Gth & Inc #	278.20	296.00	-7.10	2.24
UK Sm Cos	59.16	62.94	-1.17	1.27
US Growth	199.50	212.20	-6.10	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	315.69	333.93	-7.94	0.90
-do- Accum	348.17	368.30	-8.74	0.90
European Gwth	88.77	94.04	-1.69	0.81
Euro Smlr Cos	109.51	116.67†	-1.90	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	111.40	118.82†	-1.45	
-do- Accum	113.56	121.11†	-1.48	
Intl & Fixed Int #	51.81	54.59	-0.21	7.51
Global Bond #	50.52	52.20†	+0.05	6.81
-do- Accum #	60.20	62.20†	-0.07	6.81
Global Emer Mkts	*58.20*	*62.08*	-1.04	
-do- Accum	58.26	62.13	-1.05	
Income #	391.92	418.04	-8.00	5.14

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	228.50	243.10†	-3.90	0.44
Wwide Venture Inc	92.67	98.59	-2.13	0.33
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	434.00	462.90	-2.60	2.44
-do- Accum	658.10	701.90	-4.00	2.44
UK High Inc	204.50	218.10	-1.50	2.96
-do- Accum	311.80	332.60	-2.20	2.96
Europe Inc	464.10	495.00	-1.70	0.53
Nth Amer Inc	299.40	319.30	-10.80	
Global Inc	258.70	275.90	-2.80	0.19
Global Acc	278.70	297.20	-3.00	0.19
UK Spec Sits Inc	125.70	134.10	-1.10	1.90
South East Asia	246.10	262.50	-3.20	1.37
Cash Invst Inc	100.50	100.50		5.30
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.50	133.80	-0.80	1.62
-do- Accum	130.60	139.30	-0.80	1.62
Intl Bond Inc	93.68	99.64	-0.30	5.36
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	156.40	164.60†	-3.40	0.72
Nth American	129.70	136.50†	-5.60	
Intl Bond & Conv	126.90	133.60	-0.40	6.62
Pooled Pension (E)	232.70	250.20†		1.91
Smaller Cos	113.00	118.90	-2.70	0.82
UK General #	154.30	162.40	-3.60	2.32
Far Eastern	102.00	107.40	-1.80	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	118.18		-3.46	
Aztec ‡	68.62		-1.34	
European ‡	161.48		-4.30	
Global Bond ‡	90.78		-0.31	8.25
Investment Trust ‡	112.43		-2.23	0.97
Preferred Income ‡	106.20		-1.40	4.92
Samurai ‡	61.54		-0.70	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.26		+0.01	4.70
UK Growth ‡	106.16		-2.65	2.46
Tai Pan ‡	104.61		-2.64	
UK Energy Leaders ‡	112.29		-2.62	2.37
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.58		-1.99	4.89
Glob Gwth PEP	75.00	79.78	-1.28	1.20
Pref Inc PEP #	99.22	105.20†	-1.20	5.70
Inv Trust PEP	56.38	59.97	+0.16	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	457.60	484.20†	-3.10	0.01
Capital	143.60	153.40	-1.20	1.23
Cash	101.43	101.43	+0.04	5.21
European	159.10	168.40†	-0.70	0.38
Far Eastern	164.00	173.40	-1.20	
Growth	161.60	171.00	-0.80	0.98
Income #	134.10	141.90	-0.80	5.04
Magnum	152.40	162.80†	-1.20	[illegible]
Smllr Secs	536.00	567.20	-2.40	[illegible]
Thoroughbred	178.10	190.50†	-1.40	[illegible]
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Chrtrd Finance	57.26	61.24	-0.34	7.00
Ethical	81.40	87.05	-2.05	0.92
European Growth	80.53	85.58†	-1.70	1.17
Income	58.83	62.92	-1.27	3.97
Intl Growth	*111.10*	*118.10*	*-2.40*	*1.27*
Managed	91.05	97.01†	-1.93	2.06
UK Growth	74.43	79.60	-2.38	1.58
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	45.75	45.98	-0.30	1.51
Global Advtg Acc	49.57	49.82	-0.30	1.51
Income Advtg Inc	34.30	34.48†	-0.20	3.40
Income Advtg Acc	39.83	40.03	0.30	3.40
UK Equity Gth Acc	95.37	101.10	-0.40	1.10
Premier Inc Inc	48.42	50.97†	0.10	7.31
Premier Inc Acc	51.15	53.84	-0.10	7.31
Managed Acc	60.75	64.40	-0.40	1.36
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	39.33	41.69	-0.20	4.15
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	51.49	54.58	-0.30	4.15
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	74.57	79.24	-0.40	2.20
UK Equity Gen Inc	53.90	57.27	-0.30	2.20
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.62	33.44	-0.10	6.68
Overs Lrg Co Acc	361.50	382.30	-3.90	1.32
Nth American Acc	55.33	58.79	-1.40	
Pacific Basin	46.01	48.89	-0.60	0.50
European Acc	59.80	63.54	-0.40	0.67
Japan Acc	27.97	29.72	-0.10	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.491	4.770		1.09
US Epts (US$)	3.174	3.370		0.74
Far East Eqts (yen)	285.80	303.60		
FT Europe	153.80	163.30		0.65
FT N Amer (US$)	2.433	2.584		0.27
FT Japan (yen)	248.90	263.90		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.881	3.061		0.54
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	489.00	518.70	-13.10	
British #	1251.60	1324.20	-28.70	3.08
Emging Mkts	164.30	175.00	-2.10	0.68
Euro Small Co	66.48	70.78	-0.58	0.68
Japan	142.00	150.70	+0.50	
New Pacific	438.00	466.50†	-5.10	1.03
-do- Accum	471.30	502.00	-5.40	1.03
Inv Trust Acc	291.50	309.00	-7.90	0.88
Mngd Equity	200.20	211.80†	-4.00	1.57
Mngd Cash	95.52	95.52†	+0.01	5.44
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1012.00	1082.00	-31.00	1.62
North America	184.00	196.80	-6.10	0.05
Far East	172.00	184.00	-2.10	[illegible]
Wwide Bond	59.65	63.36	+0.01	[illegible]
European	132.30	141.50	-3.20	0.96
Equity Income #	100.60	107.60†	-2.90	4.19
Portfolio	105.70	113.00	-2.30	1.56
UK Leading Cos	71.89	76.68†	-1.95	2.77
High Inc Bond	50.29	50.29	-0.12	6.87
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	77.51	82.90†	-0.24	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	23.69	25.21†	-0.43	0.57
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.13	101.21	-0.31	7.35
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	96.35	102.50	-0.31	7.35
European	46.78	49.77†	1.48	0.40
High Income	34.00	36.18	-0.64	4.14
Japan	36.07	38.38†	-0.21	0.01
Managed Assets	137.32	146.07†	-2.82	2.50
North American	42.46	45.18†	-1.53	0.38
Smllr Co's Inc	36.39	38.72	-0.79	1.77
Smllr Co's Acc	39.64	42.18†	0.86	1.77
UK Growth Inc	60.64	64.52†	-1.49	2.88
UK Growth Acc	68.33	72.70†	-1.67	2.88
UK Income	42.49	45.45†	-1.01	3.69
Worldwide Gth	40.10	42.89	-0.99	0.01
Confederation				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.66	33.67	-0.57	1.66
European Exempt	95.31	99.26	-2.56	1.59
Japan Exempt	30.09	31.03	-0.17	0.09
US Exempt	91.40	94.23	3.03	1.37
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	58.15	61.86	-0.73	
Cap Protector Inc	45.56	48.47	-0.96	2.56
UK Income Inc	56.27	59.86	-1.16	3.27
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.33	36.41†	-0.26	6.74
Mngd High Yld Inc	85.06	90.49	-1.39	4.49
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	81.28	86.47	-1.73	3.37
UK Smaller Cos	39.93	42.48	-0.97	1.74
Pacific Gth Port	52.27	55.61	-0.62	0.70
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	284.47	301.03	-9.89	
Brit Growth	112.51	119.06	-3.07	2.10
-do- Accum	138.70	146.77	-3.78	2.10
European	125.56	132.97	-3.11	0.09

Losses continue

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	422	Allied Domecq	422	- 9	7.0	16.0
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	586	1	2.6	16.4
131	96	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	21.5
775	615	Glenmorangie 'A'	765		2.0	15.6
464	411	Grand Met	418	- 16	4.6	17.5
493	425	Guinness	464	- 6	4.2	15.1
378	315	Highland Dist	374	- 2	2.7	17.4
195	150	Macallan-Glen	154		1.5	21.6
803	655	Matthew Clark	750		4.2	30.7
141	93	Minmet Wt	129	- 3	3.4	
2612½	1706½	SA Breweries	1725	125	2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3616½	2743½	ABN-AMRO	3200		4.3	11.0
663	528	Abbey Nat	561	14	4.8	10.9
385	315	Allied Irish	315	- 8	5.5	9.2
336	285	Aus New Z	303	- 6	6.1	7.5
5243½	3843½	Bank America	4903	- 6½		
316	231½	Bank Scotland	254½	- 7	3.7	9.9
817	683	Barclays	782	- 11	4.2	10.2
488	413	Bk of Ireland	413	- 9	4.6	
482	379	Cater Allen	414	- 15	9.1	12.2
5606½	4031½	Citicorp	4975	+ 15½		
382	318	Close Bros	322	- 13	3.6	14.3
£157½	£131½	Commerzbk	£140½	- 3½	2.7	
1350	1065½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1071½	- 25	0.5	
5412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3100	- 31½	3.5	
803½	593½	Espirito Santo	753½	- 3½	4.2	20.2
1587	1251	Fuji Bank Y	1259	- 27½	0.4	
472	339	Gerrard Natl	339	- 11	9.5	10.7
252	196	Hambros	223	- 5	4.7	
1125	931	HSBC	1019	- 21	3.9	10.9
1099	930	HSBC Hk	999	- 26	4.0	10.5
421	385	Irish Perm	402	- 1	3.2	11.0
177	143	King Shaxson	150	- 5	7.5	13.0
455	415	Leopold J	428		5.9	15.0
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	325	- 8	3.0	14.3
640	571	Nat Aust Bk	576	- 6	7.6	
711	605½	Nat West	614	- 13	5.2	8.6
66	50	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.0
596	468½	Ryl Bk Scott	471	- 15	4.5	10.4
1380	1185	Schroders	1290	15	1.6	17.9
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1000	- 10	2.0	14.0
122	99½	Singer & Fried	108	- 2	4.6	8.9
672	547	Stand Chart	645	+ 5	2.1	14.1
105	85½	Union	92	- 2	4.1	
£174½	£131½	Wells Fargo	£147½	- 26¾	2.3	
329½	264	Westpac	267½	- 6½	5.3	
360	268	Woolwich	358	- 2	4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Aberdn Stk Ho	38			8.3
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	377	- 8		
839	702	Bass	804	- 9	3.6	17.3
70	40	Bn for the Bd	40		5.2	10.5
177	161	Boddingtons	166	- 1	4.1	
126½	92	City Centre Rest	110½	- 5	2.5	20.9
621	463	Compass Grp	556	- 21	1.8	26.5
265	190	Eldridge P 'A'	255		2.4	23.5
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	530	- 5	2.2	
636	546	Greenalls Grp	562	- 15	3.3	15.0
671	567½	Greene King	584	- 17	3.3	
285	224	Grosvenor Inns	239	- 5	2.9	25.4
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	224	- 3	1.4	22.7
357	298	Hardy Hanson	304	+ 1	4.2	11.3
3475	3075	Holt J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Inn Business	62	- 2		

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1¼	0¼	Aegis Utd	1	- ¼		
398	299	Anglo Amer	310	- 8	2.1	10.4
1056	919	Bowthorpe Hill	813	- 20	3.1	17.9
340	229	BTR	272	- 3½	7.9	9.7
586	471	BAT	455	+ 1	6.2	9.5
222	173½	Bemrose Inds	150	- 2	2.4	13.1
134	105	Baby Lit	118	- 5	6.4	8.6
63½	52½	Brierley Pk	49½	- 1½	7.8	3.7
972	817	Charter	841	- 31	4.1	12.5
329	229	Cookson	250	- 8	4.0	13.1
193	141	Coraft	190		6.1	11.8
263	204	DCC	269	- 8	3.2	10.6
140	113	Grampian Hdg	114	- 2	6.7	12.7
220	160½	Hanson	161	- 6	9.3	7.5
172½	128	Harrison Crsfld	130	- 3	8.7	12.6
439½	379½	Hutch Whamp	384½	- 8	2.8	20.8
563½	439½	Jardine Math	438½	- 5½	3.7	
217½	169½	Lonrho	170½	- 2½	3.5	20.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	Quadramatic	242	7	4.5	14.1
18	14½	Quantum Grp	15		2.1	41.9
65	62	Radiant Metal	65			
69	53	Ransomes	57	- 2	1.1	13.8
83	55½	Record	67	2	6.7	12.6
324	231	Renold	287	- 7	2.4	13.8
36	21	Richards Group	24		11.7	7.7
89	76	Richardson West	77	- 3	5.9	8.4
296	187	Rolls-Royce	296	7	2.9	25.8
254	171	Rotork	239	- 1	2.8	21.8
192	160	Rubicon	185		3.7	18.4
1568½	1187½	SKF 'B'	1412½	- 53½	3.6	8.0
112	92½	Senior Eng	99	- 3	4.5	18.7
278	156	Serck-Rvr	252	- 13	1.5	26.1
938	750	Siebe	918	- 9	1.8	30.7
84	48	Simon Eng	48	- 7	1.7	10.7
301	158	Six Hundred	270	- 14	1.9	11.9
732	622	Smiths Ind	690	- 8	2.7	20.5
769	593	Spirax-Sarco	765	- 2	2.2	22.6
324	287	Sterling Indl	316	- 1	3.4	16.9
562	456	TI	529	- 14	2.9	20.5
119	92	Tecley (EC)	118	- 1	6.3	
121	72	TransTec	117	4	2.4	25.4
180	140	Triplex Lloyd	161	- 3	5.4	
161	137	Unicorn Intl	160	- 1	4.3	8.5
82½	72	Utd Inds	72	- 1	3.9	10.6
18	10½	Verson	16	- 1		
302	241	Vickers	266	- 3	3.1	17.3
14	10½	Vilers Grp	10½			19.5
770	658	Vitec	661	- 11	2.0	12.6
882	765	Vosper Thorny	767	- 5	3.8	13.2
436	329	Wagon Ind	329	- 1	7.8	8.8
271	212	Weir	227	- 5	4.1	13.6
275	228	Wellington Hdg	266	- 3	3.5	17.5
59	42	Wolfmill	55½	- 1½	3.7	10.2
435	363	Wolseley	410	- 2	3.8	17.4
122	73	Wolney	73	- 1	6.1	8.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	121	- 2	8.1	34.5
295	265	Airflow Stream	270	- 2	4.2	7.2
677	473	Avon Rubber	663	- 10	3.4	16.2
92	57½	BSG	85½	- 2	4.7	15.7
363	273	Bodycote	328	5	2.5	14.4
29	18	Boustead	18	- 1	7.1	
307	175	ERF	284	- 1	2.0	
515	431	First Tech	499	- 1	1.9	17.8
1044	778	GKN	1027	- 14	2.9	18.7
3800	3043½	General Mtr	3043½	- 68½	3.4	
649	497	Hentys	628	- 25	2.4	18.4
1758½	1312½	Honda Motor	1596½	+ 2½	0.5	
502	386	Laird	450	- 15	3.3	13.1
465	425	Loades	465		0.3	
256	172	Lucas	212	- 8	4.2	27.7
130½	91	Mayflower	101½	- 2½	2.4	40.2
193	145	Syltone	189	- 8	3.5	
187	127	T & N	127	- 5	5.9	8.1
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	355	- 4	2.8	17.3

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77½	67	Brazilian	73½	3	2.2	
291	259	Brunner	262½	5½	2.8	41.8
132	113½	B/W Conv	113½	- 2½	8.6	14.3
523	468	Candover	473	- 8	3.5	29.5
68	39	Central Euro Grth	63	- 2	0.9	
223	177	Contl Asset	217½	- 2½	1.7	
75	67	Dartmr Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.8
390	325	Derby Cap	348	- 7		
180	141	Derby Inc	144	- 1	16.8	7.5
744	654	Dunedin Inc G	655	13	5.2	22.9
98	81½	Dunedin Japan	81½	- 2½		
372	314	Dunedin Smllr	320	- 8	3.4	42.3
34	16	Dunedin Wts	18½	- 1		
885	791	Dunedin Wwde	803	19	1.5	70.0
115½	93	Eden Dragon	93	- 2½		
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	26½	- ½		
345	312½	Edinburgh	313	- 7	4.0	27.1
177	150½	EFM Japan	150½	- 4½		
410	362	Electric Intl	386	6	2.5	81.6
254	227	Electric Gen	234½	- 4½	1.8	62.3
156	139	English Scot	139½	- 1½		
405	332	European Asset	391½	- 7½	1.6	58.0
97	91	Fidelity Asian Val	91	- 1		
230	193	Fidelity Euro Val	214½	- 2½	0.3	
85¼	71½	Fidelity Jap Val	74½	- 1½	0.2	
131	102	Fidelity Spec Val	119	- 5	0.5	
191	171½	Finsbury 'A'	188½	- 2½	2.5	
202½	174½	Five Arr Chile	185½	- 4½	1.7	52.6
43½	27½	Five Arr Wts	30½	- 3½		
360	273	Fleming Amer	307	13	1.0	77.0
129	100	Fleming Cap	101	- 2		
69½	54	Fleming Chinese	57½	- 1½	1.1	67.1
44	23½	Fleming Ch Wts	24	- 1½		
283	250	Fleming Claver	263	7	2.9	33.1
400	343	Fleming Contl	377	9	1.3	
160	130½	Fleming Em Mkt	130½	- 3½		
273	238	Fleming Ente	238	- 5	2.7	44.4
380	325	Fleming F East	325½	- 10½	0.5	
481	336	Fleming Fledg	446	7	0.8	
107	95	Fleming Hi Inc	99	- 1	6.0	18.8
107	100½	Fleming Income	105		11.3	11.1
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	57½	- ½		
47	26	Fleming In Wts	26½	- 1½		
43	38	Fleming Intl	38½	½	12.2	10.5
290	246	Fleming Japan	246½	- 2		
345½	286	Fleming Merc	308	- 7	3.1	32.7
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	106½	- 1½	0.6	
366	317	Fleming Oseas	320½	- 10½	1.8	
143	128	Fleming Smlr Co	135	- 3	4.7	29.1
42	29	Fleming Smlr Wt	38			
171	147	Foreign & Col	151	- 4	1.7	
113	91	F&C Inc Gwth	91	- 2	4.7	26.7
116	99	F&C Eng Mkts	99½	- 3		
108	85½	F&C Enterprise	106	- 1½	1.4	64.4
305	257	F&C Eurotst	291	- 8½	0.5	
142	125	F&C German	128½	- 4½	0.6	
207	181½	F&C Pacific	182½	- 5½	1.3	63.6
147	134	F&C PEP	137½	- 2½	3.6	32.1
200	172	F&C Smaller	178½	- 3½	1.6	71.1
147	122½	F&C US Smlr	123	- 5½		
18	13½	Fulcrum Cap	13½	- ½		
35	28	Fulcrum Inc	28	- 1		2.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31	15	Mercury Wld Wts	15	1		
615	567	Murray Inv Tst	570	- 18	2.1	43.7
170½	151	Murray Gen Inc	153½	- 3½	4.1	25.9
70½	53	Murray Wts	54	- 3½		
78½	57½	Murray Latin Amer	69½	- 2½	0.5	
32	20	Murray Wts	21½	- 1½		
131	111	Murray Ent	123	- 3	2.6	40.5
24	17	Murray Ent Wts	18	- 1		
95	83	Murray Emg Eco	84½	- 2	1.3	76.4
35½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	21½	- 2		
67	54	Murray Euro	63	- 1	0.7	
390	338	Murray Income	338	- 9	4.4	27.8
429	377	Murray Intl	391	13	4.0	28.6
191	180	Murray S/C DP	191			
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	137	- 2		
73	66	Murray S/C Inc	68		20.9	6.0
3150	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3050	- 50	0.5	
511	434	Murray Small	457	- 13	1.6	
380	335	Murray Vent	348	- 4	4.1	30.7
9	7	Newmarket	8½			
59	50	Nthrbrg Inc	51		12.0	9.3
70	58	Nthrbrg Cap	64	- 1		
415	363	Oseas Inv Tst	362	- 13	1.2	
218	168	Oseas Wts	168	- 11		
147	121½	Pacific Assets	121½	- 3½	0.4	
93½	79½	Perpetual Jap	80	- 1½		
363	287	Perpt Uk Sm Co	332	- 9	0.9	70.1
£126½	£111½	Personal Assets	£123½	- 250	2.2	42.6
125	103	Pilot Inv	111	3	2.3	45.3
127	108	Pimbles Inc	118½	2	4.1	27.5
240	210	Rit Cap Ptnr	236	- 6	4.9	
508	450	Robeco	475		2.9	
542	475	Rolinco	508		1.5	
120½	101½	Schrod Asia Pac	112	- 4½		
122	110½	Schrod Inc Gwth	110½	- 3	4.5	
95	78½	Schrod Jap Gwth	81½	- 1½		
927½	769	Schrod Korea	770½	- 3½		
362	291	Schrod Mertim	357	2	0.7	
23½	20	Schrod Spld Cap	20½			
103	92	Schrod Spld Inc	100		10.2	11.7
133½	120½	Schrod Spld Zero	133½	+ ½		
136	117	Schrod Uk Gwth	122	- 4½	3.1	43.4
281	254	Scott	256	- 7	2.8	44.3
177½	159	Scot American	163½	- 4	4.0	39.2
358	291	Scot Asian	291	- 9		
1085	773	Scot Wts	800	- 25		
106	92½	Scot Eastern	93½	- 2½	2.3	45.5
278	253	Scot Mtge	255½	7½	2.3	42.1
95	88	Scot Natl Tst	91	- 1½	10.9	11.7
121	107½	Scot Value	112½	2½	2.3	50.4
2011	1823	Second Alliance	1875	- 47	3.1	38.9
96½	88	Sec Tst of Scot	90½	- 1½	5.0	24.2
147	130	Shires Smlr	135	- 3	5.3	21.4
378	345	St Andrew Inv	356	- 10	3.2	38.4
388	330	Temple Bar	330	- 10	5.5	20.4
127	108	Thmtn Asian E	117	- 2		
56	45	Throg Dual Cp	51	- 2		
83½	74½	Throgmorton	74½	- 2½	3.9	41.4
146½	125½	Tipton Emg Mkt	132½	- 4½	0.7	
173	152	TR City Of Lon	154	- 2½	4.6	
256½	193	TR Euro Growth	240	- 8	0.9	
193	173	TR Far East	171	- 6	3.6	28.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	75	City of Lon PR	81	2	7.8	11.8
135	90	Cordiant	108	- 6		
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1475	- 109½	1.5	45.5
1668½	1168½	Daily Mail A	1393½	- 140½	1.7	
646	495	Dorling Kind	549	- 22	0.9	36.9
725	530	EMAP	699	- 3	2.0	29.1
1011	845½	Elsevier	960	- 21½	2.4	23.4
1330	1233	Euromoney Pb	1300	- 3	4.2	24.9
42½	29	Falcon	41	2½		16.7
525	440	Flextech	492	- 10		
251	198	GGT Group	232	- 4	3.3	
259½	174	GWR Grp	209	- 4	1.4	33.2
258	200	Goldhouse Group	230	- 10	3.6	15.1
28	12	Goodhead	28		9.4	
271	217	Grampian	266		2.5	22.7
401	284	HTV Group	349	- 5	1.3	32.6
328	272½	Haynes Pub	278	- 10	4.2	14.5
27	17	Highbury Hse	22	- 1		
260	203	Hodder H'line	254	- 2	4.9	15.6
166	145	Home Counts	145		4.7	12.9
334	273	IBC	306	- 4	3.3	22.2
22½	10½	Incepta	21½			
315½	232	Independent	298		2.3	25.3
110	98	Interurope	98		8.7	9.9
202½	134½	Johnston Press	171	- 3	1.6	21.2
19	13	Lopex	17½	- ½	3.6	9.2
342	182	MAID	270	5		
329	272	Maxim	293	- 6	2.0	
71	58	MediaKey	58	- 1	5.1	
1030	647	Metal Bulletin	950		2.0	35.2
156	112	Midland Ind	112	- 7	2.9	14.5
241	175	Miran Gp	189	- 8	2.6	13.2
665	455	More O'Ferrall	617	- 19	2.9	18.1
330	332	News Corp	350	- 9	0.4	9.2
419	293	News Int	325	- 10	1.1	15.2
40	30	Orchard Comm	34	- 2		
744	618	Pearson	619	- 24	3.3	21.6
205	145	Pineapple	142	- 10		
740	575	Portsmth Sundl	665	- 3	2.4	13.3
316	239	Quarto	304	- 2	2.3	12.2
1230	960	Reed Intl	1075	- 22	2.4	
814	626	Reuters	716	- 17	1.7	27.9
402	296	Scott Radio	369	- 3	3.3	
741	468	Scot TV	650	- 3	2.2	
57½	36	Shandwick	49½	- ½		
58	25	Sleepy Kids	23	- 2	6.5	
374	287	Southnews	349	- 2	2.7	21.7
50	23	Sterling Pub	23	- 2		
49½	35	Taylor Nelson	46½	- 1½	1.9	23.4
575	410	Telegraph	507		2.5	21.4
175	113	Television Cp	149	- 2	5.1	32.6
1103	902	Thomson Corp	1050	- 17	4.3	22.2
1872	1503	Thorn EMI	1699	- 24	3.3	32.3
459	342	Trinity Int	401	- 18	2.3	13.7
278	209	Ulster TV	235	- 2	3.2	22.0
756	555	United News	629	- 27	4.6	20.9
140	105	VTR	105	- 2	1.4	13.4
263	215	Visual Action	216	- 5	3.4	
325½	192	WPP	212	- 8	0.5	23.3
92	66	Wilmington	86	- 2	0.4	23.4
1265	690	Yorkshire TV	1215	- 35	1.4	42.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1502	1075	Henderson Adr	1125	20	5.0	19.0
251	221	Invesco	221	- 11	2.6	15.1
45	41	Investment Co	45		6.4	13.8
278	225	Ivory Sime	275	- 4	3.9	
2251½	1532½	Jardine Strat	1954	- 7½	4.8	
160	98	Johnson Fry	123	- 1	4.1	5.9
327	229	Liberty Intl	255	- 3	5.1	20.2
356	218	Lon Forfaiting	266	- 8	4.8	13.5
321	215	London Pacific	235	- 7	7.9	21.0
117	97½	Lon Scot Bk	100	- 4	3.3	12.9
136	1.5	Man ED & F	175	- 2	7.6	
1254	1036	M & G	1190	- 20	3.9	20.5
933	841	MAM	894	- 41	4.9	
129	94	Nat Home Loans	97	- 2	1.3	4.3
2675	1900	Perpetual	2120	- 140	2.8	18.9
497	306	Provident	422	- 17	4.1	16.9
396	316	Rathbone Br.	372	- 5	4.0	14.6
59½	37	Rutland Tst	50½	- ½	3.0	15.4
79	42	SEC Group	74	- 3	7.2	
457	290	S & U	375	- 14	5.3	10.0
134	100	Sch Capital	114	- 1	2.6	7.7
657	499½	Save Pacific	541	- 7½	2.2	21.4
37	23	Tenby Law	29	- 1	3.2	
8	5	Tns Hldgs	5½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2507½	1021	Brit Biotech	2030	- 10		
715	347	Cantab Pharma	605	15		
633	473½	Celltech	509	- 36		
586	226	Chiroscience	313	18		
447	156	Cortecs	272	- 18		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome	865	- 9	4.3	17.5
396	203	Medeva	227	- 11	2.2	13.5
353	158	Peptide Thero	205	- 5		
835	576	Scotia	671	- 44		
266	162	Shire Pharm	234	- 3		
96	72	SivePharma	72	- 3½		
727½	623½	SmithKline	664	- 21	2.7	18.4
613	429	Vanguard	499	- 37		
1474	1216	Zeneca	1306	- 33	2.8	22.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
439	258	Lloyds Chem	400	- 6	2.8	17.6
189½	149½	MFI	176½	- 5½	3.2	
495½	416½	Marks Spencer	466	- 13	3.1	19.2
605	525	Menzies (John)	545	- 20	2.2	13.4
21	15½	Merchant Retail	18	- ½		
1375	615	Moss Bros	1275		1.8	29.0
536	470	Next	507	- 30	2.9	24.6
63	40	Owen (G)	42	- 1		
535	405	Ordhame Intl	475	- 20	3.2	
80	66	Partridge Fine	75		4.9	12.4
56	32	QS Hldgs	39	- 6	5.0	
19	9½	Rhans Grp	15	- 1½		
251	191	Rosebys	248	- 2	2.8	20.1
105	92	Sears	93½	- 2½	5.3	
34	14½	Signal Group	22½	- 2½		
536	374	Smith WH	458	- 21	4.3	26.6
1010	820	Sotheby's	898	- 15	1.7	24.3
362	291	Storehouse	294	- 9	3.1	16.8
130	90	Stylo	115	- 1	5.3	17.7
221	181	T & S Stores	199	- 7	4.5	11.3
171	149	Tie Rack	159½	- ½	2.2	15.9
3½	2½	Upton & South	3½			
664	542	Vendome	599	- 9	2.2	
29½	12	WEW Group	28	- 1	1.6	
141	66	Wickes	69		3.8	
94	57	Wnd of Leather	63	- 1	2.4	
222	190	Wyevale	202		3.2	17.4

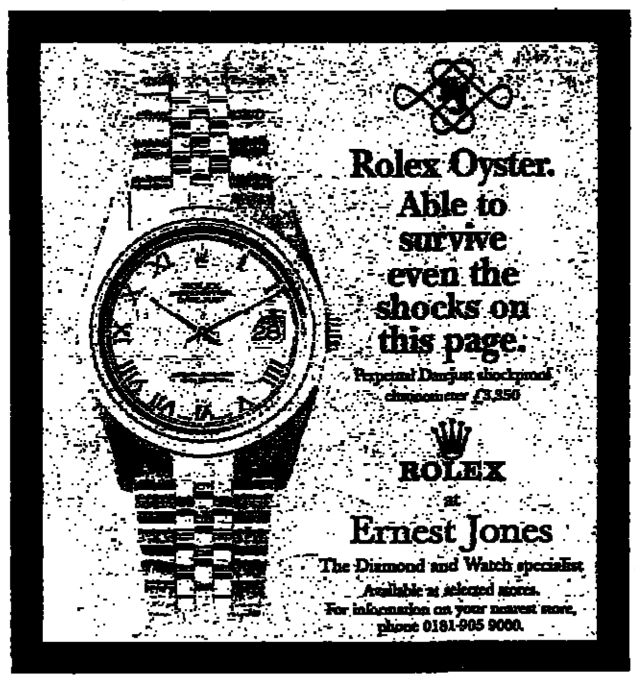
SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1560	883	ADT	1138	- 175		
135	92	Alpha Airpts	93	- 6	6.7	10.1
38	27	Alphameric	28	- 1		
45	25	Auto Sec	39	- 2		
241	123	BET Ord	229	- 6	2.3	22.9
190	129	BNB Res	178	- 1	4.5	10.5
400	283	BPP	380		3.7	19.5
186	155	BSM	185		4.7	13.3
1950	1015	BTG	1625	- 128	0.3	
1350	425	Bostand	425	- 50		
107	89	Br Bloodstock	93	- 1	2.0	
164	123	Brit Data Mgt	159	- 2	4.2	23.0
105	80	Brooke Service	102	- 1	3.7	17.4
488	373	Business Post	430	- 18	2.5	24.8
665	329	CMG	553	- 35	0.9	25.3
165	111½	CRT Gp	157	- 2	3.1	24.2

HEALTHCARE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
16	9	IBS Bill	12	- 1		
147	114	IBS UK Smllr	137	- 5½	2.6	31.4
148	129	Inv Cap	132½	- 2½	5.0	23.5
157	101	Intl Biotech	108	- 6	1.2	
70	31	Intl Wts	31	- 7		
115	95	Intl C	96	- 3		
114	96½	INVESCO Asiat	98½	- 2	0.8	
65	46½	INVESCO Bluet	47	- 1	22.3	4.8
181	135	INVESCO Eng Intl	164	- 6	0.8	55.3
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	82½	- 3	0.4	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
208	139	Euro Disney	170	- 2		
183	148	Euro Leisure	164			45
19	13½	Farningford	13½			
86	49½	First Choice	52	- 2	7.1	
400	347	First Leisure	352	- 7	2.8	20.3
190	142	Friendly Hotels	154	- 11	4.6	20.5
879	619	Granada	799	- 22	1.9	19.3
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	45	- 2	3.6	
207	148	Hornby	201	- 1	2.7	
553	423	Hozelock	489	- 8	2.3	18.8



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137	108	INVESCO Korea	109	- 1		
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	52½	- 1½		
95½	69	J Fry 2nd U	71½	- 1½	12.0	8.9
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74½	- 2½	7.4	13.6
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	243	- 3½		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	77	- 1	12.7	8.4
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncWt	6			
83	70	Jupiter Gbl Capt	73	- 1	13.6	9.1
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27	- 1		
128	108	Jupiter Intl Grw	117	- 2	4.0	
282	252	Kiwest Cbd	263	- 8	2.6	46.1
130	114	Kiwest E NW	114½	- 3½		
154	133	Kiwest Ent	148	- 3		

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
292	201	Jurys Hotel	278	- 5½	2.9	
31½	27¼	Kunick	27½	- ½	3.0	22.9
207	143	Ladbroke	181	- 3	4.1	28.1
573	425	London Clubs	519	- 21	3.7	17.3
489	188	Man Utd	434	- 9	1.4	14.0
96½	77¼	Mandarin Orntl	90	- 3½	3.9	19.6
345	278	Millennium & Cop	306	- 17½	1.9	
142	88	Northern	135	- 1	4.0	14.3
146	114	Prism Leisure	138	- 2	5.4	
38	28	Queensborough	30½	- ½		
32	11½	Queens Moat	14½	- 1½		4.4
547	442	Rank Org	465	+ 2	4.2	14.9
47	31	Regal Hotels	44	- 1	4.4	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	27½	- ½	24.3	
133	132	M&G Inc Package	133½	- ½	5.4	
68½	65½	M&G Inc Zero Div	68½			
25	21	M&G Rec Cap	22½	- 1		
50	44½	M&G Rec Geared	46½	- 3½	11.6	
26½	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½	- ½	22.2	4.4
148	133	M&G Rec Package	139	- 3	3.9	
94½	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	93	- ½		
144	114	M Currie Euro	134½	- 4	0.7	
112	99	M Currie Japan	99	- 3		
167	143	M Currie Pac	153	- 5	0.7	
242	222	Majedie	224	- 8	3.5	34.5
290	235	Merchants	236	- 5½	6.8	19.5
102	91	Mercury Euro Pvt	97½	- 1½	2.4	37.7
32	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	27½	- 1½		
110	92	Mercury World	94½	- 2	1.3	71.4

MEDIA

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Abbott Mead	581	- 19	1.9	30.5
305	174	Adscene	174	- 2	6.1	9.0
56½	37½	Aegis Gp	55½	- ½		20.1
18	14	BBB Design	16			
425	273	Barbour Index	365	- 15	3.1	54.9
9	5¼	Birkdale	6	- ¼		
340	325	Black (A&C)	330		5.3	12.9
463	238	Blenheim Gp	438	+ 15	3.0	21.1
318	248	Border TV	269	- 1	2.7	
410	355	Bristol	410		4.3	21.9
484½	376	BSkyB	464	- 12	1.3	43.0
188	133	CIA Gp	159	- 7	1.1	21.2
27	16¼	Caledonian Med	24	- ½		
734	533	Capital Radio	621	- 14	2.2	23.4
534	379½	Carlton Commst	466	- 18	2.7	15.7
558	363	Chrysalis	503	- 17	0.7	

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	99	Aberdeen Tst	99	- 1	3.5	19.5
118	77	BWD	111	- 1	6.1	12.0
40	34½	Berry Bch Nbt	40		2.5	
345	252	Botec Inv	280	- 17		
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	198	- 1	4.4	13.9
805	700	Caledonia	731	- 34	3.1	23.7
2500	1700	Camellia	2450		1.7	30.4
276	213	Cattles	234	- 2½	3.7	16.8
42	18	Christie	38			
147	90	EFT Group	115		2.3	13.7
725	640	EFM	640	- 15	4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	85	- 4	13.2	10.3

BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
219	215	Treas 2% 1996	219	+	0.91	5.53
103	101	Conv 10% 1996	101		9.86	5.56
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.91	5.74
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1997	103	...	12.76	5.52
104	102	Exch 10½% 1997	102	-	10.21	5.60
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	103		8.49	5.86
114	111	Exch 15% 1997	111		13.50	5.86
106	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	105 †	-	9.28	6.12
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	-	7.14	6.24
101	98	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	...	6.72	6.50
116	113	Treas 14% 1998-01	113		12.37	6.31
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	118	-	13.11	6.43
114	111	Exch 12% 1998	111	-	10.77	6.50
108	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106	-	8.92	6.65
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.82	6.74
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109	-	9.60	6.78
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	97	-	6.14	6.84
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	-	9.36	6.96
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.49	7.06
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	-	7.77	7.10
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	120	-	10.83	7.14
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.06	7.29
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	98	-	7.12	7.36
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.81	7.54
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	102	-	7.84	7.61
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.88	7.67
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	-	9.93	7.42
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.34	6.67
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	109	-	8.64	7.83
98	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	-	7.23	7.83
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	103	-	8.18	7.89
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.64	7.89
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125	-	9.93	7.79
101	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	96	-	7.75	7.95
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	-	7.88	7.98
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	7.97	7.95
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120 †	-	9.77	7.72
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	103 †	-	8.22	8.02
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	-	10.20	7.81
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	107	-	8.40	8.06
104	96	Treas 8% 2009	99	-	8.08	8.10
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	83	-	7.46	8.19
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	107	-	8.41	8.17
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	107	-	8.41	8.20
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	-	7.10	7.97
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	97	-	8.18	8.23
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	-	8.15	8.35
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	97	-	8.19	8.23
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	-	8.37	8.28
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	-	9.00	8.33
99	95	Tr 8% 2021	97	-	8.08	8.23
UNDATED						
45	41	War Ln 3½%	42	-	8.30	
32	29	Treas 2½%	30		8.32	
50	46	Consols 4%	47	..	8.37	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	-	0.97	2.52
180	176	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180	-	2.99	3.57
176	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175	-	3.25	3.69
116	112	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	-	3.31	3.71
185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	183 †	-	3.41	3.72
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164	-	3.51	3.77
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169	-	3.55	3.78
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	-	3.59	3.80
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	-	3.63	3.82
146	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141	-	3.68	3.84
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117 †	-	3.67	3.82
120	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116 †	-	3.87	3.82

WATER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
631	512	Anglian	533	+ 1	7.0	6.9
785	676	Hyder	678	- 12	7.1	9.8
109	97½	Hyder Cm Pfd	97½	...	10.1	...
605	420	Mid Kent Hldgs	600	+ 5	5.0	10.3
608	518	Severn Trent	530	+ 5	7.6	5.9
2585	2375	South Staffs	2585	+ 10	3.7	
731	489	South West	664	- 1	5.8	8.4
1025	652	Southern	1019		4.0	11.3
599	530	Thames	558	- 1	6.4	7.5
633	529	Utd Utilities	552	- 1	6.5	11.1
374	295	Wessex	335	- 17	5.7	
791	583	Yorkshire	644	- 5	6.0	9.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	45			
213	95	Cafe Invest	170	...	1.8	14.1
86	58	Country Gdns	83	- 2	2.1	16.0
1700	860	Dawson Hldgs	1675	..	2.4	14.7
188	45	Firecrest	65	- 3		27.8
35½	14	Freepages	29½	- ½	...	...
117	92	Megalomedia	94	...		
475	45	Memory Corp	45	- 13		
154	90	Old English Pub	130		1.0	54.2
445	360	Pet City	360	- 5		
595	524	Southern News	525		9.8	13.8
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	255	- 22	1.0	30.0
75	48	Tuscadero	70	- 2		..

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CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Voices in the dark

Songbook
Almeida

SONG is enjoying a good showing at this year's Almeida Opera. On Sunday, Mary Wiegold's Songbook, that unbound collection of, well, not exactly commissions but gentle persuasions, presented a trilogy of new and newish works for voice and the dark, eloquent combination of clarinets, viola, cello and double-bass which is the Composers Ensemble.

There were 11 first performances and nine London premieres. Classics of the repertoire strode between them: Colin Matthews's powerful, Britten-esque *Cantata on the death of Antony*, sung by mezzo-soprano Pamela Helen Stephen; Nicholas Maw's delicately complementary *The Head of Orpheus*; and Harrison Birtwistle's gentle, disturbing Paul Celan setting, *White and Light*, both sung by Wiegold herself.

Of the newest of the new works, I found two songs by Edward Cowie and Simon Limbrick particularly irresistible. *Rainbow Heterophony* sent splinters of sound flying from soprano and two clarinets, the voice wordless but forming sounds as swiftly and elusively as light through a prism, and the blown fragments growing almost imperceptibly in depth of colour and duration until the trio was a-babble with activity. Limbrick's *Spider's Silver Threads* was a duet for clarinets, starting in the vein of old Norse *tvisongur*, with two voices moving rhythmically a fifth apart, then chasing each other in repeated ascending scales, playing fleet shadow games, and increasing in strength and complexity.

Solace was on offer in Eva Noer Kondrup's affecting *Lullaby*, syllabic yet supple of verbal inflection, and circled by clarinet, bass clarinet and the three lower strings: and in Hilary Tann's witty, chatty R.S. Thomas setting, *Mother and Son*. This song revealed what too many others did not: a truly imaginative understanding of both the human voice and the instruments.

So, it goes without saying, did Alexander Goehr in his *Three Songs* to texts by Sir James Frazer from Ovid's *Fasti*. These tiny, fanciful images moved from surreal word and note-play to a sunset mirage of clarinet and viola to a leaping morning star reflected in the ocean. Their beauty was the more seductive for being so fugitive, as was John Woolrich's deft and polished Elvis Costello setting, *Malicious Observer*, a savagely simple parable of political innocence and experience. It drew a more potent silence from the audience than anything else in the evening.

HILARY FINCH

Get your ears bent back

Hind/Hodges
Leopold Trio
Cheltenham Festival

WHAT is that tune trying to escape from Richard Causton's *Non mi comporto male*? Actually, the clue is in the title but if you translate it as "I am not behaving badly" — which in the prim English setting of the Pittville Pump Room, you are likely to do — you won't get it until *Ain't Misbehavin'* emerges intact at the end.

Such allusive wit and seductive melody were rare in **Rolf Hind** and **Nicolas Hodges**'s recital of mainly recent music for one or two pianos at the Cheltenham Festival. The more likely approach was an effort to pin the ear to the skull, as Anders Brodgsgaard does most successfully in the first movement of his generally compelling *Attaca, Requiem, Joker*, and as Michael Finnissy does, rather disappointingly, after so much of more subtle interest, in his *Wild Flowers*. But it is better to bend the ear in one way or another than to leave it untouched, which was the negative effect of some of the less sophisticated pieces from the piano workshop session of the Society for the Promotion of New Music in Cheltenham the day before.

The morning concert in the Pittville Pump Room was given by the **Leopold String Trio** in partnership from time to time with Thomas Adès.

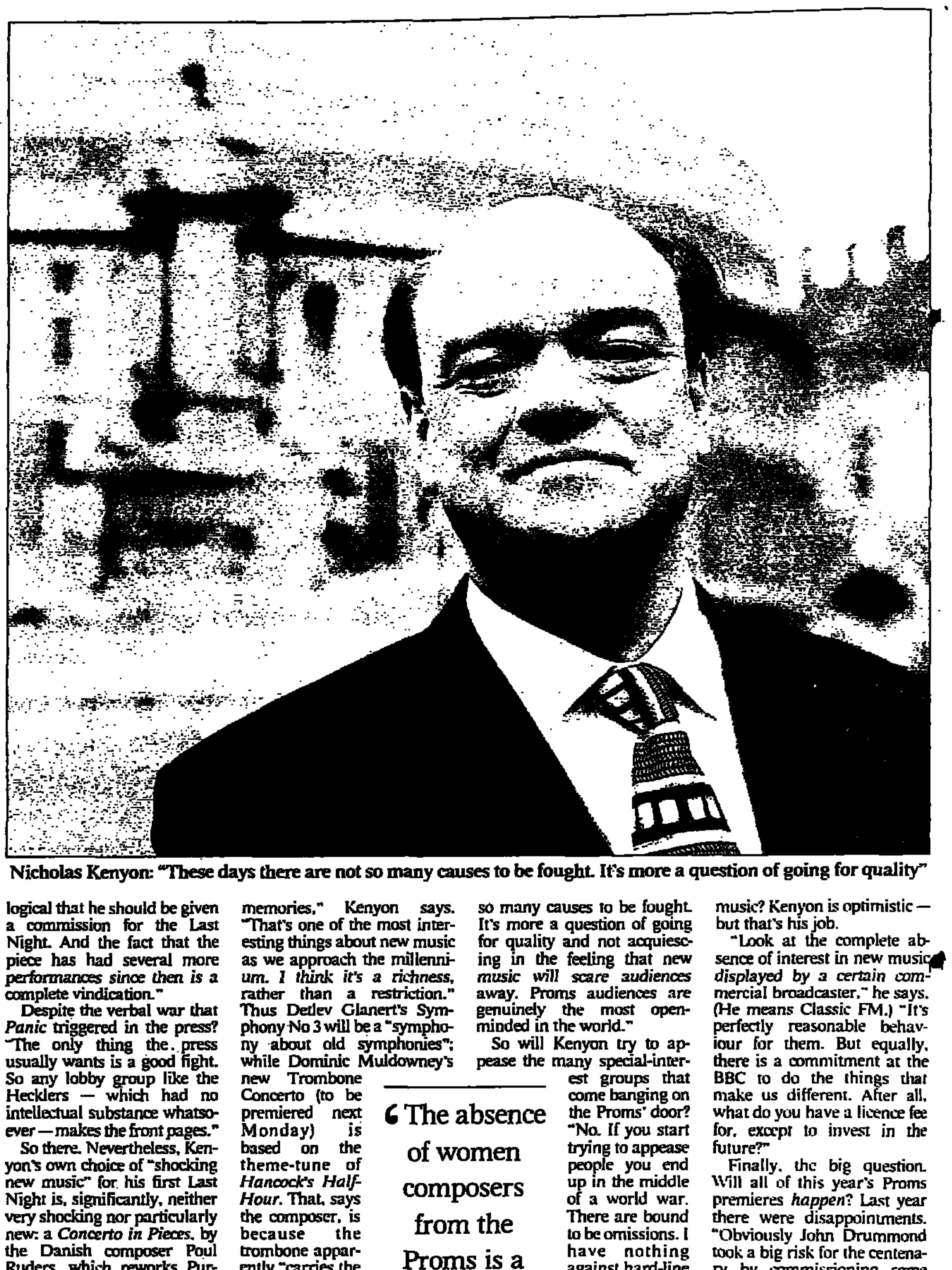
Though not long out of the Royal Academy of Music, the trio is an accomplished ensemble secure enough and flexible enough to take risks. They exchanged ideas most imaginatively with Adès in Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, and they did not shrink from giving the first British performance of music as cryptic and as demanding as is contained in Gyorgy Kurtag's *Signs, Games and Messages*.

The new score is a more or less coherent sequence of 17 miniatures (for one or more of violin, viola and cello), of less than two minutes' average duration. A few of them escaped clarification; others were presented in almost embarrassing intimacy.

GERALD LARNER

No more Panic buying

Nicholas Kenyon gives **Richard Morrison** a tour of the premieres in his first year as Proms director



Nicholas Kenyon: "These days there are not so many causes to be fought. It's more a question of going for quality"

It was a scandal, a triumph, a disgrace, a cheeky piece of provocation. All of that was said about Sir Harrison Birtwistle's *Panic* when this short but hugely uncompromising creation was premiered on the Last Night of last year's Proms — and, more to the point, televised live at peak viewing time on Saturday-night BBC1.

From Anthea Turner to this? It was a bridge too far for many viewers, and Sir John Drummond's era as Proms director ended in a barrage of protest from middle England. Which was perhaps exactly what Drummond — another hugely uncompromising creation — intended.

His successor as Proms masterchef, Nicholas Kenyon, has already fielded his fair share of outrage from the Disgusteds of Tunbridge Wells, because his day-job is running Radio 3 (or "ruining Radio 3", if you subscribe to the Gerald Kaufman view). So, as Kenyon prepares to launch his first Proms season on Friday, does he have a view on the *Panic* Affair? Was it a welcome shock to BBC1 viewers, or a mega-decibel public relations disaster?

"It was clearly not a welcome shock to BBC1 viewers," he concedes. "But it was the absolutely logical conclusion of everything that John Drummond had tried to do for new music and for Proms programming in general. After all, the BBC was one of the first organisations to commission Birtwistle, and he's written some of his greatest works for the BBC. So it was entirely logical that he should be given a commission for the Last Night. And the fact that the piece has had several more performances since then is a complete vindication."

Despite the verbal war that *Panic* triggered in the press? "The only thing the press usually wants is a good fight. So any lobby group like the Hecklers — which had no intellectual substance whatsoever — makes the front pages."

So there. Nevertheless, Kenyon's own choice of "shocking new music" for his first Last Night is, significantly, neither very shocking nor particularly new: a *Concerto in Pieces*, by the Danish composer Poul Ruders, which reworks Purcell (in quirky homage to Britten's *Young Person's Guide*) and has already been performed successfully.

If the *Panic* Episode revealed anything, apart from the gulf between cognoscenti and general public, then it is that no other concert series can match the exposure given to a composer commissioned by the Proms. Kenyon admits that he would not risk as much in a Proms commission as in other circumstances, and this year's premieres do seem more user-friendly. Perhaps that is because several of them, like Ruders's piece, make self-conscious reference to earlier music.

"Almost all composers now make use of past musical memories," Kenyon says. "That's one of the most interesting things about new music as we approach the millennium. I think it's a richness, rather than a restriction." Thus Detlev Glanert's Symphony No 3 will be a "symphony about old symphonies"; while Dominic Muldowney's new Trombone Concerto (to be premiered next Monday) is based on the theme-tune of *Hancock's Half-Hour*. That, says the composer, is because the trombone apparently "carries the baggage of being both comic and tragic". Prepare to roll in the aisles, then.

> ‘The absence of women composers from the Proms is a mistake’

What, though, of Kenyon's general philosophy? Will he be putting the Proms at the cutting-edge of the avant-garde, as William Glock did in the Sixties — provoking professional hatreds that stretch to this day, and mounting premieres that occasionally produced minor riots?

"Well, small riots, not many hurt," Kenyon observes. "Glock's action was justifiable because at that point there was so much ground to be made up. If I had been in his shoes in 1960 I would have done the same. These days there are not so many causes to be fought. It's more a question of going for quality and not acquiescing in the feeling that new music will scare audiences away. Proms audiences are genuinely the most open-minded in the world."

So will Kenyon try to appease the many special-interest groups that come banging on the Proms' door? "No. If you start trying to appease people you end up in the middle of a world war. There are bound to be omissions. I have nothing against hard-line minimalist music, although, as it happens, there isn't any this year. That's something I slightly regret. I've certainly nothing against women composers, and I think it's a mistake that there aren't any in this year's Proms."

Kenyon believes, along with most music critics, that Britain currently has more good composers than any other country. If that is true, Radio 3 must be given some of the credit. It will spend £150,000 this year on commissions: rehearsal and performance costs come on top of that. But how much longer will John Birt's New Model BBC go on funding Radio 3's promotion of contemporary music? Kenyon is optimistic — but that's his job.

"Look at the complete absence of interest in new music displayed by a certain commercial broadcaster," he says. (He means Classic FM.) "It's perfectly reasonable behaviour for them. But equally, there is a commitment at the BBC to do the things that make us different. After all, what do you have a licence fee for, except to invest in the future?"

Finally, the big question. Will all of this year's Proms premieres *happen*? Last year there were disappointments. "Obviously John Drummond took a big risk for the centenary by commissioning some major international figures, and perhaps not every piece was delivered in the form it was meant to be," Kenyon concedes. "But this year they have all finished. I think."

Kenyon's composers would certainly have to dawdle to Olympic standards if they were to beat the record for non-delivery held by the eminent Hungarian composer Gyorgy Ligeti. "Long before my time the BBC commissioned him to write an opera for English National Opera," Kenyon says. "Who knows? It might yet come to pass."

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■ OPERA 1

Superb music but the staging has problems: Glyndebourne opens its first *Lulu*

■ OPERA 2

The Gertrude Stein and Virgil Thomson *Four Saints in Three Acts* comes to London

THE TIMES ARTS

■ OPERA 3

. . . and Kent Nagano conducts Berlioz's massive *Damnation of Faust* in the Barbican

■ YOUNG ARTS

Sweet sounds on Guernsey: a bright new string quartet emerges from the Ladies' College

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on Glyndebourne's new staging of Berg's *Lulu*; plus Virgil Thomson and Berlioz in London

Keep your ears open and your eyes shut

Few operatic events have been awaited as eagerly as Glyndebourne's first staging of *Lulu*, one of this dying century's great and defining masterpieces, and one unseen in the UK for nearly a decade (just as eagerly awaited a production by English National Opera had to be cancelled in the wake of poor box-office response to its bold "20-Plus" season in 1990).

The buzz from Sussex has been audible since the project was first announced two years ago, but — hard and charitably as one may search for mealy-mouthed excuses along the lines of "minor miscalculations" or "easily adjustable problems" — the only sound on Monday was that unmistakable "phrurrer-lumph" of an almighty flop.

Visually and dramatically, that is; musically the evening is hugely rewarding. Times change: when *Lulu* (1935) was first performed in this country by guest companies in the 1960s, it was still "difficult", still "nasty modern music". The quality of Glyndebourne's musical preparation has been legendary for 60 years, and Andrew Davis, the London Philharmonic and an exceptionally well chosen cast have plainly worked their socks off to bring out the beauties and strengths of Berg's score.

The new theatre might have been designed to accommodate a tricky 20th-century piece such as this: you can hear everything, the structure, the way the score is put together — and why — without any loss of overall warmth or silky sensuousness (Berg was not Viennese for nothing). The melodies — and they are melodies to all ears save those expecting every tune to sound like *Land of Hope and Glory* — ravish the ear. Davis gives the black humour full rein (I hadn't before noticed a sly Strauss parody when the pimp sings about placing girls from quite the best families in brothels) and ensures that you can hear and relish the off-stage music, whether for dance band or mock-barrel organ. The playing is wonderfully well balanced, always dramatically alive.

Just as impressive is the preparation of the singers: what they have to do never sounds "difficult", which of course it is, hideously. Christine Schäfer (Lulu) does not have a huge voice, but in a house this size and with so considerate a conductor it does not matter: her singing is pure, unstrained, as expressively phrased as if she were in Mozart. The same is true of Kathryn Harries as Countess Geschwitz, and, although no Alwa can ever sound entirely unstrained, David Kuebler. Such fine artists as Patricia Bardon, Neil Jenkins and Jonathan Veira, sharing many small roles between them, sound as though they have been singing Berg all their lives.

> ❛ It's all just flat and anonymous; not funny, not horrifying, not anything ❜

The main cause of reactions surpassing bemusement and approaching crossness at Graham Vick's production is the way so promising a cast is left dangling in the wind. At what stage — the eternal question with great operatic disasters — could it have been seen that something might be going ever so slightly awry? At first sight of Paul Brown's permanent set, perhaps. This is a curved wall in Glyndebourne red brick with Glyndebourne pine doors. In case anyone misses the oh-so-subtle point that the action is supposed to be "us", the Animal Trainer flashes a mirror at us in the Prologue. That's a fairly good one-off joke, but not one to justify a set that is frankly inadequate to suggest locations as various as Dr Schön's *haut-bourgeois* mansion and the squalor of Jack the Ripper's Whitechapel.

The modern-dress costumes are not "us". Dr Schön is dressed as TV's Arthur Daley, an odd visual reference for a newspaper tycoon. Lulu is saddled with a series of near-topless, sideless and bottomless tart's frocks of a vulgarity familiar to those attending ritzier West End discos but seldom seen in Sussex. Other costumes are oddly anonymous; few help define character, save for the wino outfit and tam-o'-shanter for Schigolch (Norman Bailey); some ill-define it, like the naff outfits for the Athlete, and sadly the coarseness seeps over into Donald Maxwell's singing, just as Wolfgang Schöne sounds a little more like Arthur Daley than, say, Conrad Black.

The big problem with Vick's production, though, is his failure to devise a dramatic language in which the epic-expressionist action can naturally unfold. It's all flat and anonymous; not funny, not horrifying, not anything. Why should this particular Dr Schön go mad? Who is this Lulu? Poor Schäfer, who has the *physique du rôle* in spades, is a blank canvas awaiting the artist. Neither a child, a victim, nor a predator. No humour, no mischievousness, just a deadpan, matter-of-fact young woman. And she could be outstanding. From this bland, characterless background Bailey's wheezing Schigolch salvages something of Berg's vision, Schöne manages one chilling smile as Jack the Ripper, and Jenkins, Bardon and Veira have their moments. But, apart from Davis, this is a profoundly dispiriting evening.

DONALD COOPER

"Her singing is as expressively phrased as if she were in Mozart": Christine Schäfer as Lulu

Fun of a surreal kind

Four Saints in Three Acts
Spitalfields Market Opera

WHEN I interviewed Virgil Thomson shortly before that grand old man of American letters and notes died, I asked if he had any advice for a cub critic. "Just answer the question 'what was it like?'," he said. So here goes . . .

Gavin Henderson, principal of Trinity College of Music, also took some good advice. Thomson urged that he should one day stage Thomson's opera *Four Saints in Three Acts* and "make it come out right". He did, and it has. Trinity's production (by Leah Hausman) for the City of London Festival is musically sure-footed, and captures that fugitive and irresistibly tender wit which pervades Thomson's collaboration with Gertrude Stein.

It is a pity that the barn-like acoustics of Spitalfields Market Opera (though Thomson, I suspect, would have enjoyed its ambience, among baseball courts, cafés and merry-go-rounds) made the audience strain to catch the words.

Stein said she wrote "to tell what could be told if one did not tell anything". Thomson responded to her abstract and surreal verbal montage with the tunes and harmonies of chant, psalmody and children's songs. "If a text is set correctly for the sound of it," he said, "the meaning will take care of itself."

And it does. *Four Saints* creates the same sensation that exists when following a play in an unknown language, yet understanding every word. A small chorus of saints tell us of the lives of the St Theresas (Magnea Tomasdottir, John Arnold), St Ignatius (Sjaak van der Bent), St Settlement (Monika Stache) and St Chavez (James Geer) in the form of a Sunday-school entertainment. And Thomson's themes of peace between the sexes, community of faith and the production of miracles are, sure enough, conjured out of this simply but tellingly choreographed production, conducted with equal eloquence by Gregory Rose.

The expression and gestures of gleeful seriousness on the faces of the white-clad chorus counteract nicely the idiosyncrasies of individual saints. The Compere, Devon Harrison, and Commere, Emily Sheard, keep them all in order. For Act II they picnic, play ring o' roses and race with egg and spoon. A little silver house descends ("How many doors? How many floors?"); then obsessive mathematics gives way to one of Thomson's wonderful big tunes, trombone-led, as the scene changes.

Act III (not the last one, despite the title) contains St Ignatius's little show-stopper, *Pigeons on the grass alas*, describing his vision of the Holy Spirit — to which the only possible reply can be "He asked for a distant magpie/As if that made a difference". A dance, a drum-roll and all the saints from their labours rest.

HILARY FINCH

Good tunes from the devil

LSO/Nagano
Barbican

BERLIOZ read Goethe's *Faust* as a young man and, in the height of inspiration, dashed off eight musical scenes and sent them to its author. No response came, and Berlioz withdrew the work from publication. However, the depth of *Faust's* impact on the composer is apparent in every bar of the score that eventually evolved 15 years later: each episode, each image is portrayed with startling, at times almost alarming clarity. In *The Damnation of Faust* Berlioz's imagination was charged as if with a mission: the result is one of the symphonic masterpieces of the Romantic era.

The Damnation of Faust cannot be done on a small scale and this is one reason why it is performed only rarely. The joint forces of the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus fitted somewhat snugly into the Barbican, and at times the performance seemed boxed in, as if the hall could barely contain the brilliance of Berlioz's scoring, or the visionary quality of a work conceived before its time.

In addition to the restrictions of the acoustics, it must also be said that Kent Nagano's interpretation had its limitations. His conducting is a model of clarity, and the work hung together well enough. But from time to time his direction felt more perfunctory than inspiring, as in the passage where Faust hears the Easter hymn and is turned from suicide, or the final apotheosis of Marguerite. The faster-moving, showier numbers were more successful.

Nagano and the LSO were joined by a classy line-up of soloists. Olga Borodina (replacing Susan Graham at short notice) sang Marguerite's soliloquies perfectly, conveying her hopes and fears with complete vocal assurance and compelling musical insight. Equally striking was the Italian tenor Giuseppe Sabbatini as Faust.

In *The Damnation of Faust* the devil may not have all the good tunes but he certainly has many of the most dramatic moments. If the young baritone Natale De Carolis did not always bring the necessary characterisation to the role of Mephistopheles, there is no doubting the quality of his voice. The LSO Chorus sang with gusto and reverence as required, and the excellent New London Children's Choir added a touch of radiance to the final heavenly scene. All in all, a memorable evening, though I could have done without the heavy-handed colour coding of the lighting effects.

TESS KNIGHTON

Channelled towards virtuosity

Hilary Finch listens to the young players of Guernsey's string quartet

The unsuspecting visitor to Guernsey in late spring may well be deceived into thinking that the island has everything. Traffic that drifts along at 30mph and stops for pedestrians; subtropical flora and bluebells; cuckoos and puffins; home-made ice-cream and oysters. Everything, that is, except a resident professional string quartet. But on a hill-top called Les Gravées, change is in the air.

The eyes may be still very much fixed on the music-stands, but the sound is a fine, close blend, the solo entries robust. As the first violin draws back to the second subject of Dvořák's *American Quartet*, a slight side-step to the minor key shows just how tricky intonation can be at that point.

Suddenly the second violin leads the way into a spikily imitative passage, asserting its right to be a soloist, and also to speak out. "When we get to figure eight, there should be a change of mood, shouldn't there? I mean, like, this is something quite new?" "Yes!" The first violin concurs. "And make sure that the speed picks up at six. It's up to you to really keep it going."

The first violin, Angharad Lewis-Jones, is 18; the second, Debra Venn, just 16. With Ella Fuller (viola, 16) and Rachel Bichard (cello, 18), they already have every second of their spare time cut out — in between revision for GCSE and A levels — playing for the governor and the bailiff of their bailliwick, and palm-courting at hotels and weddings.

The string quartet of the Ladies' College, Guernsey, was formed by peripatetic violin teacher David Cooper out of an advanced string group set up in turn by head of music Joan Le Flem, who realised that several members of the school orchestra needed a tougher challenge.

They started off by snatching the coaching services of the Coull Quartet, who visit the island three or four times a year in their capacity as section principals of the Guernsey Symphony Orchestra. Then they flew across for the National Children's Chamber Music Competition, where they were quite relieved not to be placed, simply because two more visits would have bankrupted them.

For the Cambridge Symposium for Young String Quartets, though, they obtained the necessary sponsorship from Rothschilds (not too difficult on Guernsey). But time, tide and barometric pressure can defeat every bank in St Peter Port and, after fog had diverted them from Birmingham to Exeter, they arrived at Cambridge halfway through the weekend, having missed their masterclass.

What they learnt, though, from a special extra session with Ioan Davies of the Fitzwilliam Quartet, was that in quartet playing there is no hiding place. The leader was made to stand up and play a solo in order to learn what it really is to lead; the other three soon found out that there was no second, no half beat of a bar when they, too, were not required to be either soloists in their own right, or skilled accompanists.

Le Flem notices that the quartet players inevitably develop an unusually acute ear and razor-sharp critical faculties. They certainly rehearse as demandingly and combatively as any professional ensemble, though no member has yet been tempted to contribute a piece for the medium to their composition portfolio. They admit that it's safer to stick to Bach chorales.

Just as they are getting used to asserting themselves, to listening and responding, leading and following, the quartet will fall apart. School quartets come with built-in obsolescence: leader and cello will leave next month for the universities of London and Surrey, and the second violin and viola will have to pick two new colleagues in September.

They are determined to continue. Islanders have a way of crossing more water than most — but then being irresistibly drawn back. In one incarnation or another, and doubtless with many changes of personnel, the Ladies' College of Guernsey String Quartet looks set for a long life.

CHRIS GEORGE

Stringing along: the Ladies' College founding line-up

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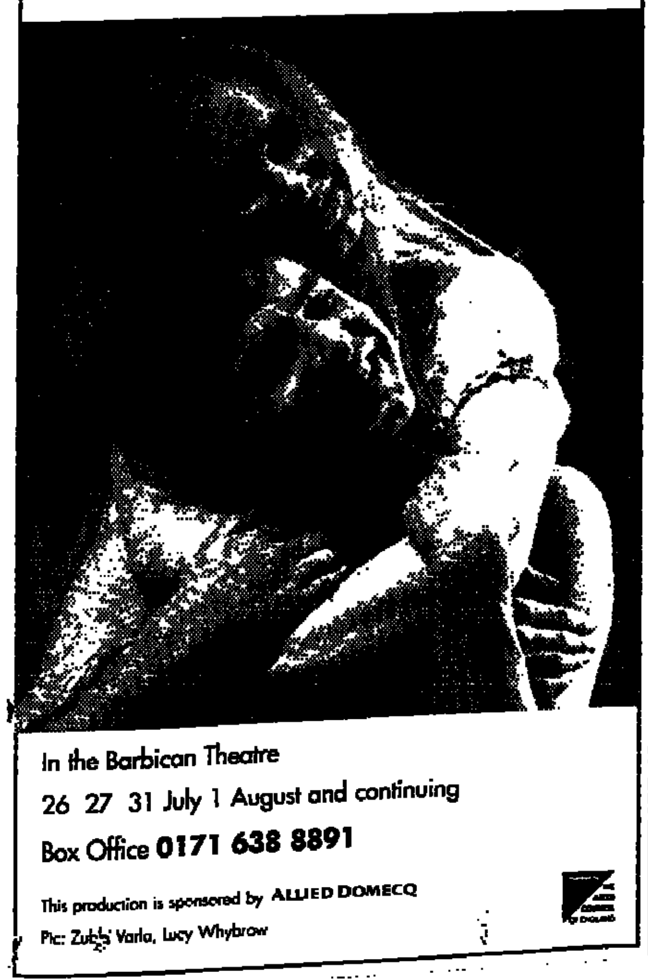

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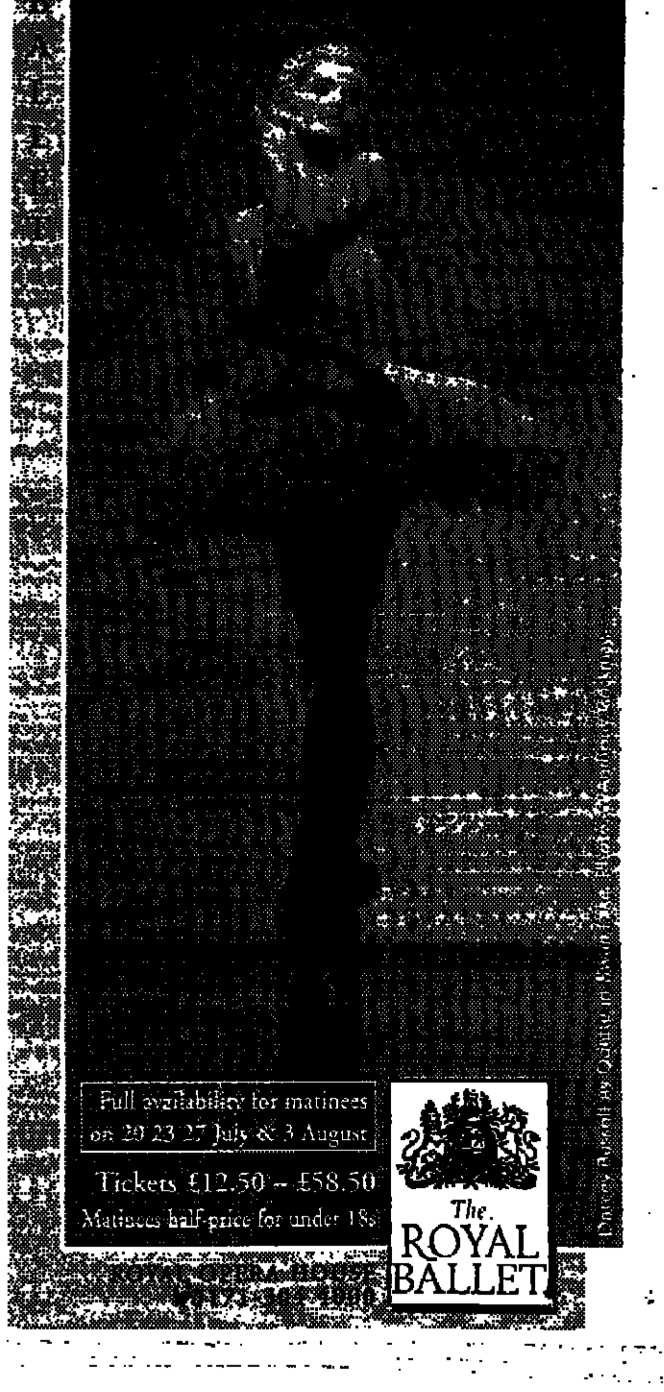

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BILL FRISELL: *The American guitarist plays his distinctive brand of improvised music in a programme that joins elements of bluegrass and country blues with free jazz and rock 'n' roll.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7 45pm

EMMA: Last of Jane Austen's six novels to be dramatised for stage, cinema or television in the past 12 months. Michael Fry's adaptation adds the artful framework of a bossy girl who stages a play about the bossy heroine.
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) Opens tonight, 7 30pm

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: A performance by young dancers who represent the future of British classical dance. This evening's programme includes *En Bateau* by Dame Ninette de Valois and David Bintley's dramatic *Rake's Progress*, preceded by national and folk dances. There are also two new ballets: by Christopher Wheeldon to the music of Benjamin Britten and by Jennifer Jackson to the music of Bach.
Holland Park, Holland Park, W8 (0171-602 7856), Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 2 30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: *This evening's concert at the Symphony Hall is performed by the* **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.** Elgar's *In the South* and the *Polovtsian Dances* from Borodin's *Prince Igor* are given with Walton's *Henry V — A Shakespeare Scenario*, in an arrangement by Palmer. With the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus and the City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus. The conductor is Mark Elder.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Tonight, 7pm. Ⓢ

CARDIFF: Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the Hallé Orchestra and the Cwmbach and Treorchy Male Choirs in an evening of opera at the **Welsh Proms**. Featuring excerpts from favourites such as *Madam Butterfly, Aida, Tosca, Turandot* and *Cavalleria rusticana*. With Susan Bullock, soprano, and Arthur Davies, tenor.
St David's Hall, (01222 878 444). Tonight, 7.30pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: In Richard Nelson's *new play* **The General from America**, James Laurenson *plays Benedict Arnold, the soldier Americans love to hate because he decided to support the British after all.* Corin Redgrave plays George Washington and Howard Davies directs.
Swan, Waterside (01789 295623) Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens July 23, 7pm. Then in rep Ⓢ

Also in **Stratford**, Steven Pimlott directs Molière's comedy **The Learned Ladies**. Niamh Cusack, Jane Gurnett and Roger Allam lead a production that keeps to the 17th century.
The Other Place, Southern Lane (01789 295 623) Previews begin tonight, 7 30pm. Opens July 25, 7pm. Then in rep Ⓢ

SUNDERLAND: An opportunity to view more than 200 Art Nouveau to Art Deco pieces in *The Art of Glass exhibition*.
Sunderland Museum and Art Gallery, Borough Road (0191-565 0723) Opens today, 10am. Then Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-4.30pm; Sun, 2-5pm. Until October 27

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **BY JEEVES:** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 *(0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm;* mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE DECAMERON:** Nick Ward directs his own selection of tales from Boccaccio, updating them to a contemporary setting. Last in the season of "New Playwrights, Ancient Sources"
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Previews begin tonight, 7 30pm. Opens July 23, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until August 17

■ **HABEAS CORPUS:** Terrific cast for revival of Alan Bennett's modern farce: Brenda Blethyn, Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton, Jim Broadbent, Nicholas Woodeson, and Sam Mendes directing.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until July 27

■ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN:** Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep.

◪ **MARTIN GUERRE:** The latest Boublil and Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of *Les Mis* and *Miss Sai*. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Iain Glen and Juliette Caton in a tale based on the true 16th-century story of love, war and identity.
Prince Edward, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE:** Jack Klugman, Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspot, in a revival of Neil Simon's comedy.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

■ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN:** Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne, Lucy Whybrow.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **PRIVATE LIVES:** Coward's comedy makes a neat companion to the very different treatment of sexual heterodoxy in Hardy's *Jude the Obscure*, playing alongside it. In rep.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm.

☐ **RAIN SNAKES:** Fascinating play, set in Hans Christian Andersen's Copenhagen, exploring the emotional costs of ambition. Strong performances by Sian Thomas, Jason Morell, Robert David MacDonald. Last week
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until July 20 Ⓢ

☐ **ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES:** Belinda Lang, George Costigan and Paul J Medford in an enjoyable sung-through musical woven from the songs *of Randy Newman*. Chris Bond directs
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000) *Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.* Until August 10

☐ **VOYEURZ:** Lesbian band Fem 2 Fem and a cast of 18 illustrate a young girl's search to find her sexual identity in New York. Billed as a follow-up to the once-famous nudie show, *Oh! Calcutta!*
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735) Now previewing, 9 15pm. Opens July 22, 9 15pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8 45pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9 15pm

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◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **Communicating Doors:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ◪ **Fame: The Musical:** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ◪ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12). Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician. With Matthew Broderick. Director, Ben Stiller.
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Chicken wins over the ego

THEATRE

Birdy
Lyric Studio, W6

If some kindly sponsor were to offer a prize for the oddest performance in London, Matthew Wait would be the actor to beat. He crouches, sometimes on the floor, sometimes on the end of a hospital bed, jerking his head and occasionally emitting what appears to be half a cluck, half a coo. His hands, which he mostly holds behind him, flicker like tail feathers, and his preferred way of eating is to open his mouth a mile wide while a friend gently spits chewed-up food down his throat. He appears, rather literally, to be cuckoo.

But is he? We know he is a GI in a psychiatric ward at the end of the Second World War. But is he a soldier driven mad by his experiences, or a sane soldier cannily pretending to be insane, or an inscrutable soldier who, R.D. Laing-fashion, is forcing us to redefine what we mean by mad and sane? Those are some of the questions William Wharton raised in his novel *Birdy*, Alan Parker repeated in the film, and the dramatist Naomi Wallace now transposes to the stage. The result is a livelier, more gripping evening than I — who have memories of winging off to the Land of Nod during the film — had dared to expect.

Wallace writes in the programme that she was attracted to the novel largely because it showed "the dehumanising process boys are forced to undergo in order to become acceptable 'men' in our society", adding that compassion, sensuality and eroticism between men are repressed in favour of macho show. By way of demonstrating this she has split both Birdy, as the protagonist is called throughout, and his friend Al into two. We watch Adam Garcia's Al Jr and Tam Williams's Birdy Jr chummily clambering on top of Kevin Knight's steel-and-wire set. Then the thing spins, and we see the damaged grown-ups into whom the pressures of an America at war have transformed them.

On the face of it, Birdy is the more troubled. His obsession with birds dates from boyhood. He would like nothing better than to change species, and even makes childish efforts to fly, only to plummet perilously down scarps and into ponds. But the suggestion is that his obvious escapism may be healthier than his friend's attempt to cope with family violence by developing a thick mask and a tough persona. Although the local shrink has cast Corey Johnson's Al Sr as a helper and healer, his nerves are actually in as bad a state as his jaw, which has been shattered in battle.

I would have liked to have learnt more about the events that push Birdy towards avian catatonia; but there is no doubt that Wallace's switches of time and character add to the evening's texture without spoiling its narrative thrust. Moreover, Knight's cast is one of the more impressive I have seen at this sometimes dodgy address: quick, bright, and skilful enough to leave you believing that something as silly as playing at being birds is a perfectly serious matter.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL

Birdy (Matthew Wait) and Al (Corey Johnson) in Naomi Wallace's fine dramatisation of William Wharton's novel

CABARET: A Katharine Hepburn for the 1990s; the ideal man for Garland and Streisand

Her style so warm

Mary Cleere Haran
Rainbow & Stars,
New York

FEW American vocalists approach a cabaret song with as much grace and diligence as Mary Cleere Haran. No pouting balladeer or wide-eyed *ingénue*, she is a connoisseur who delivers precise, uncluttered readings of material from the vintage years of Tin Pan Alley and Hollywood.

British audiences have a chance to get to know her a little better as Richard Rodney Bennett accompanies her in her London debut at Pizza On The Park (until July 27). There, as on her most recent album, *This Funny World*, the spotlight is on Bennett's arrangements of songs by Lorenz Hart: some well known, others rescued from the archives.

Attractive as they are, Haran's records do not convey the full breadth of her talent. On disc her careful diction and avoidance of fluff and ornamentation can appear almost austere. Once you see her in the flesh, and listen to her nonchalant asides, you realise that she is anything but impersonal. Vivacious and playful, sometimes earthy, she resembles nothing so much as a Katharine Hepburn for the Nineties.

All those virtues were paraded in her set at Rainbow & Stars, dedicated to the work of the lyricist Dorothy Fields, who wrote *I'm In The Mood For Love* and *The Way You Look Tonight*.

Barbara Cook helped to focus interest on her work a few years ago with the tribute disc *Close As Pages In A Book*. Accompanied once again by Bennett, Haran managed to squeeze in reams of biographical detail without lapsing into didacticism.

The colloquialisms of the songs themselves were perfectly pitched, with just the right combination of big-city sophistication and romantic longing. *Pick Yourself Up* and *A Fine Romance* took us to the era of Fred and Ginger. Poised in her diaphanous gown, Haran languidly evoked the era of the *Ile de France* and *The March of Time*.

On a humid night, the clouds had obscured the city lights beneath our skyscraper. Haran's voice recreated them in our minds. When she peeled off her white gloves, you sensed the whole room holding its breath.

CLIVE DAVIS

Judy in disguise

Jim Bailey
Green Room, Café Royal,
London W1

IT WAS in London, 27 years ago last month, that Judy Garland died: but through the necromantic skill of Jim Bailey, she is smiling and singing as vibrantly as ever at the Green Room. Bailey is alternating his Garland and his equally uncanny impersonation of Barbra Streisand to full houses and his season has been extended until Saturday. A few moments in the company of his creations makes the reason clear: he *becomes* these singers to a degree that defies disbelief.

Other performers may capture the look, the timbre, the intonation or the mannerisms, but only he can achieve them all and maintain them through an hour or more on stage, the audience just beyond his outstretched arm and in many cases devoutly devoted to the divas being represented. You daren't "diss" Judy or Barbra in front of an upmarket gay crowd, honey, and Bailey currently has even the most nit-picking of them cheering in appreciation.

As last year at the same venue, his Streisand, from impeccably-parted coiffure to dainty foot, is compellingly authentic. The between-songs babbling is as convincing as the big, confident voice or the way the hand absently traces an arc from the crown of the head to the tip of the fringe.

And Judy? Well, by Gumm, she is in terrific form. The smile is just a little too bright, the stomach a touch prominent, the chat tumbling over itself with a girlish eagerness to please and to be liked. The voice is warm, thrilling, even lusty.

Not only the obvious songs are offered: after all, this is a knowledgeable crowd, and Bailey, apart from having sung alongside Liza Minnelli, recreating the mother-daughter partnership, has performed at the express invitation of both Streisand and Minnelli, so he knows whereof he speaks. His accompanist, Sean Gough, is impeccably attuned to the nuances of both performances and it is said that, should you be close enough to the stage, you can verify that even the perfume is in character. Uncanny, and as classy an act as you could hope to find.

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In east London a new community is rising from the rubble of a crime-ridden Sixties high-rise estate. **Rachel Kelly** reports

Home is where the tower block was

The day I visited Oliver Close, overlooking Hackney Marshes in east London, the men from the Ordnance Survey were there. They were mapping the 170 new brick houses built on the former site of a grey concrete tower block.

Pensioners pottered in freshly planted front gardens. Children whizzed by on bikes. Christine Harris, for 17 years a resident of the 24-storey Sixties Clifford Hicks block, summed up their enthusiasm. "The atmosphere is completely different here. Friends come to visit us. Asian neighbours ask you in to taste their food.

"Previously nobody came to see us in the tower block. They were worried about leaving their car, so they would just toot their horn for you to come down in the lift. People didn't even want to give out their address, as there was such a stigma about living in the blocks."

But this is more than just a tale of demolition. It is the story of a community regenerated. Ask residents what thrills them, and the answer could just as well be the job training schemes and the new community centre, the lower crime rates and friendly neighbours, as the new houses.

This is perhaps the most ambitious urban regeneration project in the country. £250 million is being spent over ten years to rehouse 6,500 people in 1,690 houses. Few other local authorities have undertaken such a complex and large-scale project. When completed, it will be a showcase of urban housing renewal. As the project's chief executive, Mike Wilson, says: "It's not just about the houses. Rebuilding alone doesn't solve the problems that had developed on the estate. All you end up with are new homes and the same vandalism, poverty and general deprivation that existed before.

'Now friends come to visit and neighbours ask you in'

"We are trying to regenerate the area by improving people's chances of jobs, the facilities that are available, and the spirit of the place to create a self-sustaining community with control over its future."

The ten tower blocks that made up the Waltham Forest estate needed urgent attention. Surveys in 1987 showed that it would cost £110 million to refurbish and repair them.

This was a classic "sink" council estate, housing some of the most deprived families in Britain. The Prince of Wales once called the blocks the worst he had ever visited. Unemployment ran at 40 per cent on the four blocks of Oliver Close, Boundary Road, Cathall Close and Chingford Hall. The flats suffered from broken entryphones, vandalised garages and burnt-out bin areas. Fly-tipping was common and cars were frequently torched. The blocks themselves were poorly insulated and many were structurally unsound.

But funding for repairs proved a stumbling block. The first possible solution was suggested in 1987. The plan was to set up a company run by tenants and Waltham Forest Council, which would update the properties with funding from central government. Then the company would lease the flats back to the council. But in March 1988, the Government announced restrictions on any lease-back funding.

The second plan in 1988 was to set up a tenant-run housing association which would take over the estate. Work would be funded by selling some flats and by a dowry from the council. The Environment Department blocked the scheme.

The deadlock was broken the following year with proposals for a Housing Action Trust (HAT). In April 1991, the then Minister of Housing, Sir George Young, visited the estates and announced that a ballot of tenants would take place in the summer. Of the 75 per cent of tenants who turned out to vote, 81 per cent were in favour. It was a propaganda triumph for the Government. At last their longed-for HAT scheme had begun.

Ownership of the flats was transferred from the council to the HAT in April 1992. A board was set up, and by 1993 the estates were being managed by the HAT rather than the council.

Oliver Close is the first phase of the HAT's ambitious plan to redevelop the whole estate in four phases. One innovation is to transfer tenants straight from their old flats into new houses on the same estate in a single move.

New houses were built on under-used open space at the borders of the estate. This allowed two tower blocks to be vacated and demolished in the second phase, with the process repeated for another two phases. The structural engineer, Alan Baxter & Associates, helped to delineate the four rolling phases of demolition, so as not to cut off heating and other mains services. Three occupied tower blocks remain.

Tenants themselves were involved in choosing the design of their new homes, and run their own "design group". In answer to questionnaires, 95 per cent of tenants wanted a back garden with a front door on the street. Defensible space and curtain twitching were preferable to isolation on a deck-access higher storey. They were asked to state their preferences on the shape of rooms, as well as kitchen and bathroom units and paint colours.

Residents felt strongly about kitchens. They wanted them at the back of the house, with the smart front rooms on show for passers-by. And they didn't want children marching in from the back garden to the living room with muddy shoes. They wanted them coming into the kitchen.

The result is terrace houses fronting narrow streets with tiny rear gardens, recreating the Victorian street pattern, plus a scattering of upstairs maisonettes reached by external dog-leg stairs. They are hardly revolutionary in design. But there are gable fronts, pitched roof canopies, dormer windows and two-tone brickwork, all in the "arts and crafts" style favoured by the architect, Hunt Thompson.

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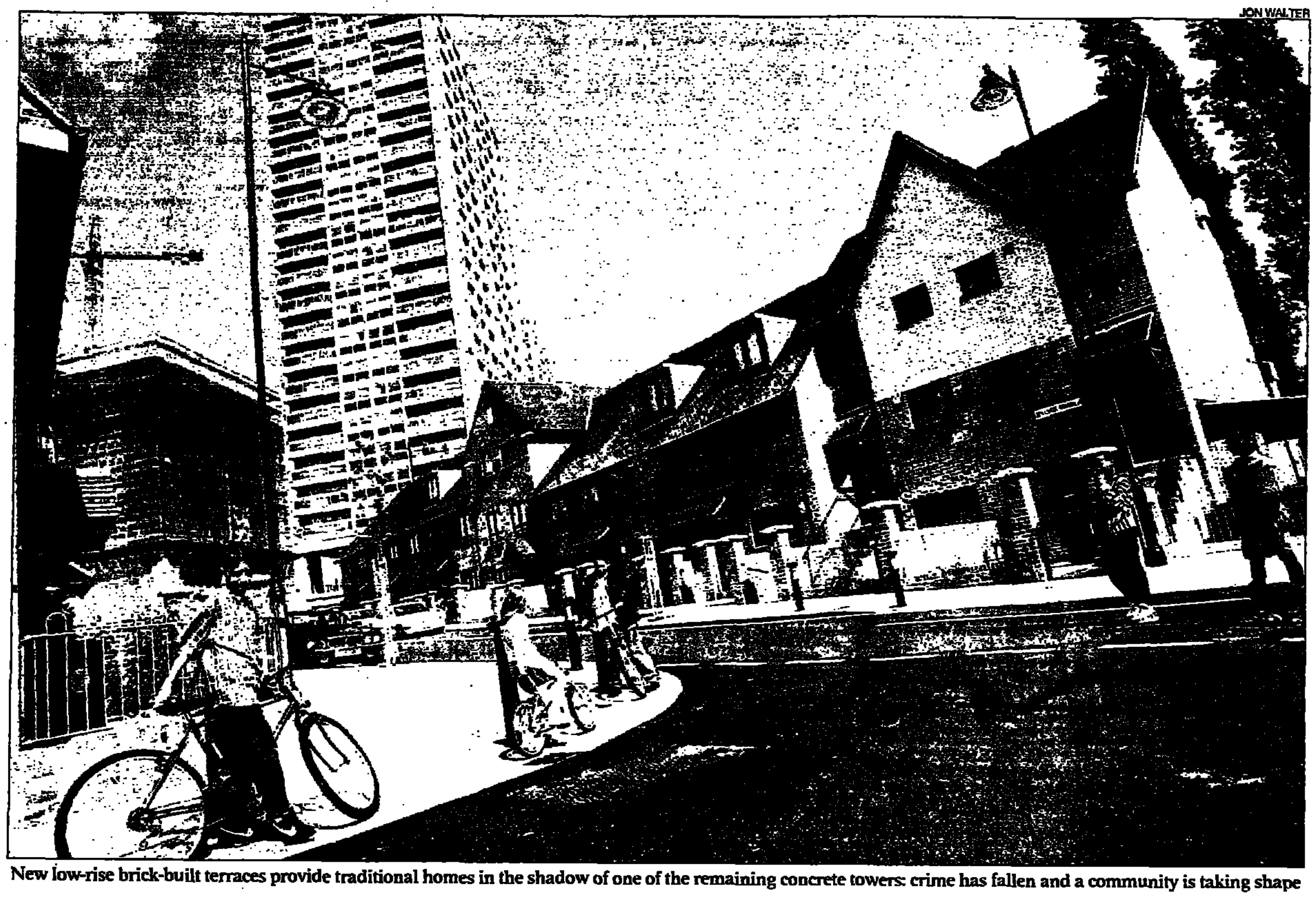
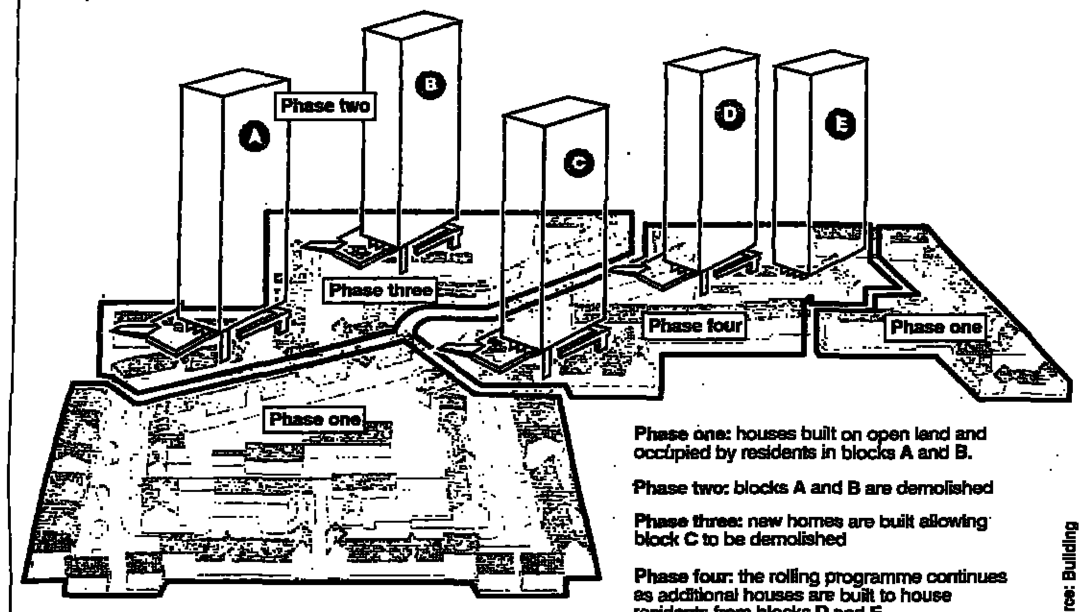


New low-rise brick-built terraces provide traditional homes in the shadow of one of the remaining concrete towers: crime has fallen and a community is taking shape

FROM HIGH RISE FLATS TO HOUSES



Phase one: houses built on open land and occupied by residents in blocks A and B.

Phase two: blocks A and B are demolished

Phase three: new homes are built allowing block C to be demolished

Phase four: the rolling programme continues as additional houses are built to house residents from blocks D and E

Source: Building

The first tenants moved into their new homes 13 months ago. Others are less lucky. The main frustration voiced by tenants is the slowness of redevelopment. It has already taken seven years since the first plans were drawn up, and the project will not be completed until 2002.

They are consoled by improvements to the tower blocks meanwhile. The windows have been strengthened with toughened glass. The door bolts have been improved and the blocks repainted. Life is already more bearable for tenants. At the start of redevelopment, concrete podiums and an abandoned, crime-ridden car-park beneath the blocks were removed, moves already vindicated by falling crime statistics.

The HAT's concerns go beyond bricks and mortar. Tenants are encouraged to participate in all aspects of estate renewal. Four of the directors on the nine-strong HAT board are tenants. Each block has a tenants' steering group. Around 20 per cent of tenants are actively involved in the HAT. Debbie Griggs has chaired the estate steering group at Oliver Close for two years. "The steering group's role is to represent tenants on any and every matter," she says. "We deal with childcare, health and safety, and maintaining proper services for the people still left in the tower blocks."

Part of the HAT's offices at the foot of one of the tower blocks has been converted into a community centre, hosting aerobics, karate classes for children, a one-stop health shop particularly focused on the number of residents suffering from asthma, and an out-of-school children's club.

"These will benefit those from the surrounding community as well as our tenants," says Mr Wilson. "Our arts development programme is trying to create a strong community life, and to involve young people. If it takes rap music events, as well as drama, photography and creative writing, to attract youth away from the streets, so be it."

Training courses in construction are laid on at a second centre on the estate, which also runs a Careers Advice and Placement Project open to all tenants, and a Business and IT centre. "The CAPP makes sure that estate tenants get first interviews for any local job coming up. And it gets the building contractors to employ locals," says Mrs Griggs. Firms employed by the HAT are committed to using 20 per cent local labour and 20 per cent local suppliers. McAlpine took on 30 local brickies and carpenters in the first phase of buildings, and the demolition contractor has offered 15 jobs to tenants. In all, the careers advice and training schemes have helped 561 tenants into work and a further 558 into training.

There have been complaints, chiefly from consultants involved in the projects who have criticised other professional advisers and suggested that too many experts and different architects were used. Four different architects have been used for each stage, but Mr Wilson counters that each has improved on the previous schemes.

Others have muttered about planning inefficiencies: 170 families have not got a home in the new redevelopment, so the trust will have to buy land elsewhere to house them. But that is inevitable in a project of this size, says Mr Wilson. Households change. Babies are born, the old die.

The improvements have been made possible by the Environment Department's generous funding. The HAT has spent £150,000 per house, including the demolition of the old homes, the diversion of mains services and an underground river, and the construction of a six-metre wall as a barrier against sound and pollution from the North Circular Road. Actual building costs for a five-person, three-bedroom house of £50,201 are comparable with the allowance for equivalent housing association homes.

The Government has no plans for any more HATs, and the Waltham Forest HAT will cease to exist when redevelopment is finished in 2002. Tenants will then vote for their future landlord, be it a return to the council, a new community-based housing association, or another local housing association.

But there are lessons from Waltham Forest. Its achievement has been to tackle problems together rather than in isolation. The investment is huge, but the long-term gains may prove so as well.

The Government's latest vehicle for urban renewal is the Single Regeneration Budget, which councils can bid for. Funds are given to tackle housing, education, employment and social services in Britain's most run-down estates in a concerted effort.

"The buzzword in housing is 'housing plus'," says Mr Wilson. "And I think HATs have gone some way in helping to make that the norm."

AN EXPERIMENT IN HOUSING ACTION

HATs off to tenants

HOUSING Action Trusts were enshrined in the 1988 Housing Act, the brainchild of the then Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, as the Tory answer to Britain's housing problems. Despite the overall success of the right-to-buy policy, council flats, especially in tower blocks, had proved almost impossible to sell.

The action trusts would, after a tenants' vote, take control of such properties away from town halls and hand them to the tenants. Funding for maintenance and improvement would come from central government. The principle was similar to that for opted-out schools, which were taken from councils and given to parents, with funding from Whitehall.

But the plan fell flat. Tenants across Britain proved loyal to their local councils. Fearing that their security of tenure would be at risk, or that rents would rise, they spurned the action trust experiment.

Then tenants woke up to the possibilities of extra funding. Tenants in Hull, Liverpool, Birmingham and Waltham Forest realised that just as the Government had ensured above-average funding for opted-out schools, so it would do the same for opted-out estates. There was no other chance of getting money to improve their homes.

POLICE JOIN RESIDENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Plant shrubs, lock windows

"THE BASIC concept of the old high-rise block design encourages crime by making it easy for the criminal to go undetected. There are lots of nooks and crannies where burglars, muggers or vandals can hide."

So says Chief Inspector Royston Colbourne, in charge of the crime prevention division at Leytonstone police station.

The new low-rise houses at Waltham Forest make front doors visible to the passing public, and there are few hiding places. Lighting has been improved, and there are fewer alleyways and no underground car-parks or lifts.

The police are fond of stressing that they have "designed out" crime: a buzz-phrase referring to the lay-out of the new streets. Cul-de-sacs mean that criminals can't escape; front gardens provide a natural defensible space; the back gardens back on to other gardens hindering escape routes.

"We told the architects where to place windows and put off-street parking so that people could see their cars," says Mr Colbourne. "Police patrols have been co-ordinated with those of the HAT's own security officers."

Ironically, low-rise housing brings its own problems, says PC Wayne Jones, a crime prevention officer in Leytonstone. "There are more doors and windows through which the criminal can enter. The estate was also going to look new and prosperous, which would encourage burglars."

Therefore the new homes have been fitted with locks recommended by the police, and home-owners are being taught basic crime prevention. "These people have never had gardens before," says Mr Jones. "We're helping them to decide what kind of shrubs to plant which will eventually grow to act like a fence. It's more attractive than mesh and just as effective."

Mr Colbourne agrees. "Many of the residents aren't use to living in low-rise buildings," he says, "and will forget simple crime prevention actions such as closing windows."

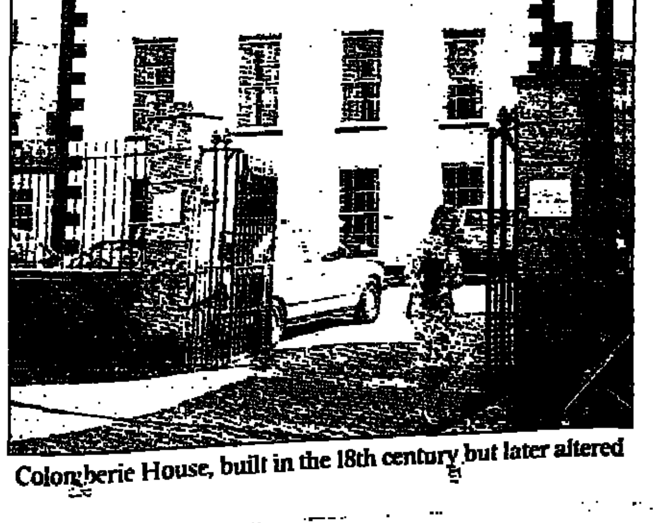
In 1992-93 there was an average of six cases of forced entry burglary a month; there have been just three incidents in total in the past two years. The fear of crime has also been reduced, according to the latest tenant-satisfaction survey from the HAT.

Problems do still exist. Common assault and theft from motor vehicles are rife. In October 1994 there were four recorded car crimes; in October 1995 this had risen to ten. In February of this year there were seven incidents of crime with violence.

Perhaps the most lasting achievement will be the attitude of residents. As Mr Colbourne says: "People on the estate are proud of where they live now. They're more likely to look after their properties and less likely to turn to crime themselves. Prior to the scheme there was an isolationist attitude among the residents. A sense of community really is developing."

Conservationists are fighting to save Jersey's Colomberie House, which they claim is the work of Sir John Soane

Letter fuels the Jersey row



Colomberie House, built in the 18th century but later altered

An application for the demolition of Colomberie House in Jersey will be put to the Jersey Planning Committee next month, despite the best efforts of conservationists and architectural historians to save the house.

The house's supporters have renewed their efforts to save Colomberie after a letter to *The Times* highlighted the house's architectural merit.

Coopers & Lybrand, which occupies the building, has concluded that the property has no "significant architectural merit". But documents in the Sir John Soane museum show the architect's involvement in remodelling the existing 1770s house, according to the letter from Margaret Richardson, the museum's curator.

Colomberie is believed to be the only building in the Channel Islands with any alteration by an architect of such national importance as Soane, who also designed the Bank of England and the Dulwich picture gallery.

Geoffrey Grime, the head of Coopers & Lybrand in Jersey, defended the decision to demolish the building.

"We would stress that Jersey's Royal Court ruled in 1992 that the building could not be accredited to Sir John Soane," he said. "We would also point out that the building is owned by Manip Ltd, the family firm of Peter Blampiéd, a former senior partner at Coopers."

Mr Blampied said the documents did not change his view that the house should be demolished. "This is not fresh evidence. We knew about these documents in 1992 when the Royal Court spent a long time considering drawings done by Soane of the house.

"It was argued prior to the hearing by some that Colomberie had been designed by Soane. In fact the property had been built before 1810, when Soane was consulted. Though he may have altered some of the internal detail, the only change to the outside of the property was the lowering of some of the window-sills."

Mr Blampied added: "If any criticism exists for the proposals that are now shortly to be implemented, I accept the responsibility. If I believed that Colomberie enjoyed any significant architectural merit, I would want to preserve it."

Professor F. Fielden, who advised Coopers & Lybrand at the time of the Royal Court hearing, supports Mr Blampied's view. "Certainly in 1810, Hemery (the owner) sent survey drawings of the house to Soane, who prepared an ambitious scheme of refurbishment. But this was not carried out . . . Soane would have been horrified if the resulting work had been attributed to him."

But conservationists are passionate in the building's defence. Alastair Layzell, the chairman of Save Jersey's Heritage, said: "I am astonished that Coopers will not respond to the architectural evidence. I'm amazed they will not respond to the likes of the Prince of Wales, who has campaigned to save this building. They seem to have set their face against any new evidence."

Two years of research by the architect and scholar of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Ptolemy Dean, has highlighted how Soane imposed his general architectural ideas on the building. Mr Dean has also found the building to be in good condition, in contrast to Coopers & Lybrand, which says the house is in a poor state.

"My research has reassessed the evidence which led to the decision of Jersey's Royal Court in 1992 to demolish the house," Mr dean said. "Coopers must have the courage to be enlightened. Otherwise the losers will be the people of Jersey."

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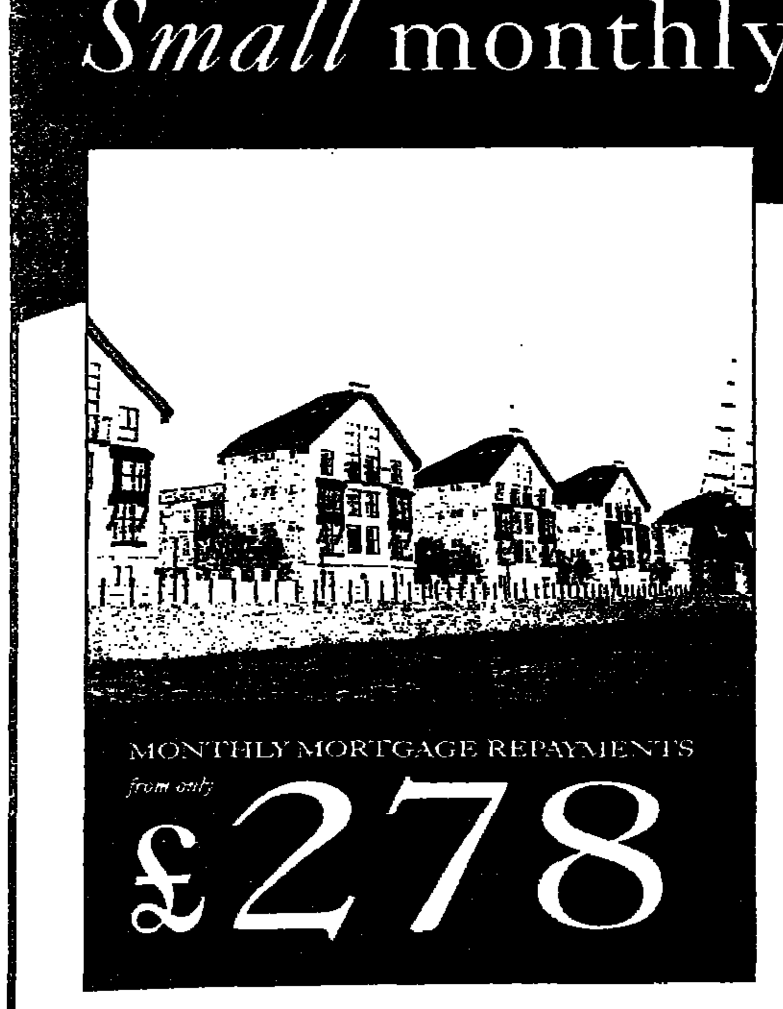

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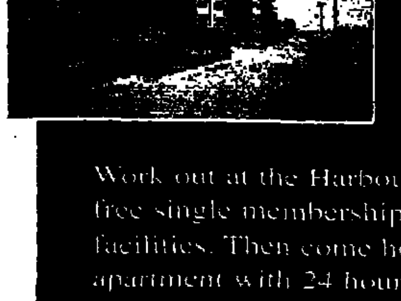

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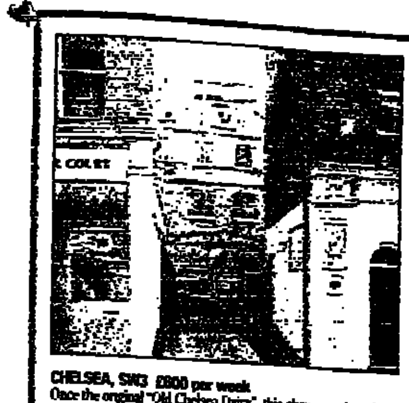

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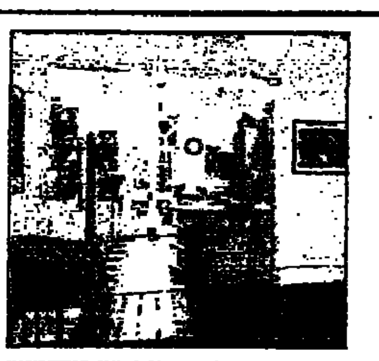

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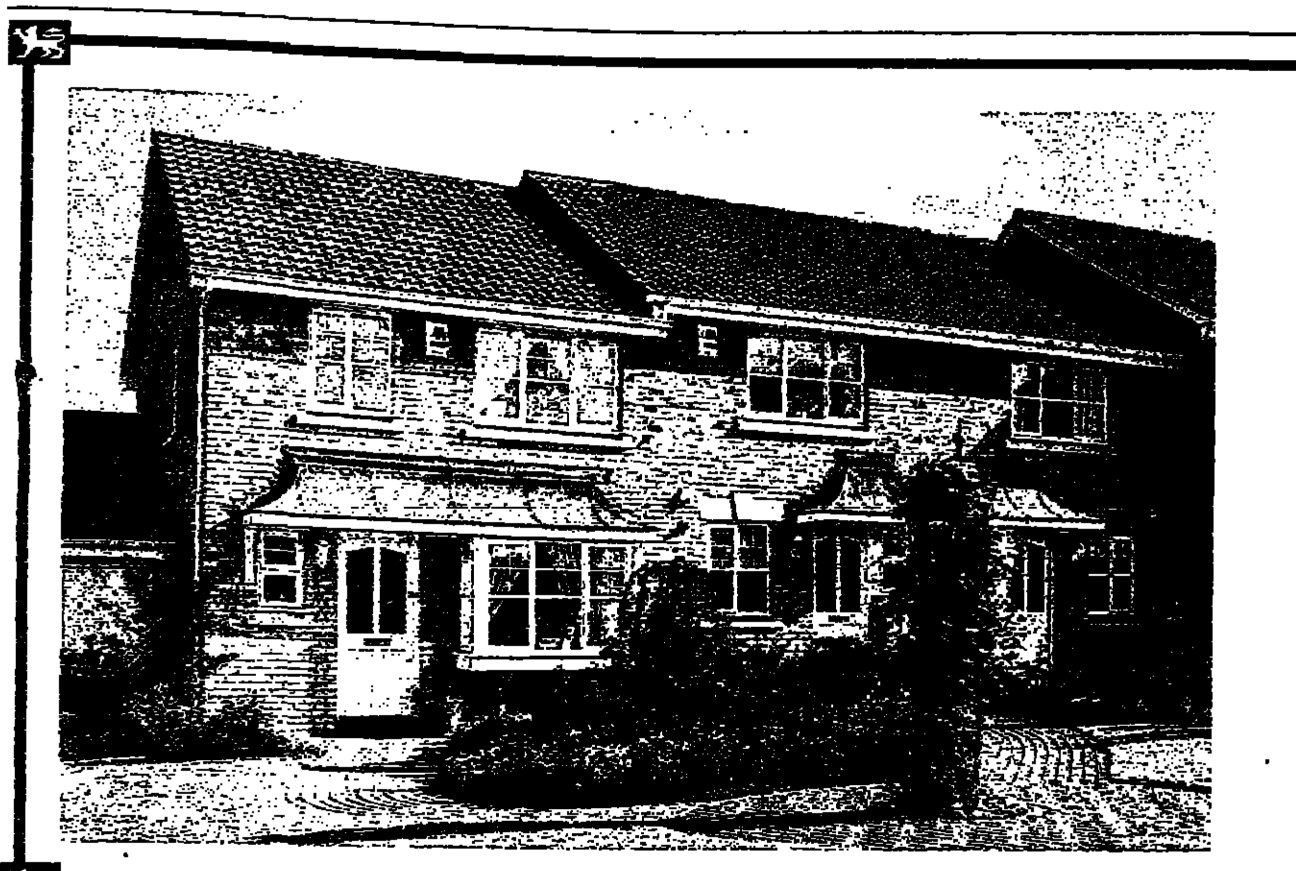

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CRICKET

Blakey keeps his nerve to seal Yorkshire victory

By Simon Wilde

NORTHAMPTON (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by two wickets

FINELY crafted half-centuries from Martyn Moxon and Anthony McGrath and a pugnacious 35 not out from Richard Blakey carried Yorkshire to a thrilling last-ball victory in yesterday's AXA Equity & Law League game and left Northamptonshire contemplating a season ruined by three defeats in seven days.

Blakey faced the last ball of the innings needing to score one run for victory. The bowler was Paul Taylor, who had earlier put his side in the driving seat with three important wickets in 18 balls. With the fielders brought in, Blakey hit it through the on side for four.

Blakey and his ninth-wicket partner, Silverwood, needed to score 20 from the last two overs and Silverwood had played a key part by hitting Curran for six and four from successive balls.

When Yorkshire were 47 for four in reply to Northamptonshire's 236 for four, there looked as though there could only be one winner. Taylor had accounted for Vaughan, Bevan and Byas in quick succession, while, in Emburey's first over, White turned a ball tamely into the hands of square leg.

Then a thrilling partnership of 111 in 17 overs between Moxon, who scored his first league half-century for two years, and McGrath turned the match strongly in Yorkshire's favour.

At 196 for four, they needed 41 from the last seven overs, but tight bowling — especially from David Capel — and tigerish fielding brought Northamptonshire back into contention.

Last week, Northamptonshire were chasing three one-day trophies, but defeats by Lancashire in the NatWest Trophy and the Benson and Hedges Cup final had left them relying on the Sunday competition for a trophy.

Their innings was built around Curran's unbeaten 92, his highest one-day score of the season. He faced 105 balls and batted for all but five overs, having gone in first wicket down. He put on 106 in 22 overs with Montgomerie, who scored 69 from 78 balls, and with Penberthy also promoted Bailey, the side's best batsman, did not get to the wicket until the 36th over.

While the match was not as vital to the rest of their season as it was to Northamptonshire's, Yorkshire are also not out of the league race. Victory moved them into equal third place.

Mysteriously, their approach during the first half of the match suggested no such thing as they conceded their highest total in the league this season.

Frustration set in early after one or two things did not go their way. Blakey, who had to change direction, nearly poached Curran's inside edge off White, but before Yorkshire knew it the fielding had deteriorated badly. They conceded nearly twice as many runs in the second half on the innings as in the first.

The chief beneficiary, again, was Curran, who was not only missed badly by Vaughan on 44 but had a three turned into a seven by Stemp's wild throw from the cover boundary that bisected the two sets of stumps and beat his sprawling colleagues on the leg side.

Stemp, in fact, had a nightmare in the field. His four overs cost 33 runs and his temper frayed from the moment umpire Plews not only rejected a leg-before appeal against Montgomerie but ruled that the ball had been a wide.

TABLE

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Surrey (9)	10	7	3	0	28
Middlesex (17)	*10*	*6*	*3*	*1*	*26*
Yorkshire (12)	10	6	4	0	24
Warwicks (2)	10	6	4	0	24
Kent (1)	10	6	4	0	24
Northants (13)	9	6	3	0	24
Glamorgan (6)	9	4	3	2	20
Notts (11)	9	5	4	0	20
Worcs (3)	9	4	3	2	20
Leics (7)	*9*	*4*	*4*	*1*	*18*
Somerset (14)	9	4	4	1	18
Derbyshire (8)	9	3	4	2	16
Lancashire (4)	9	4	5	0	16
Hampshire (18)	8	3	4	1	14
Essex (5)	9	3	5	1	14
Sussex (10)	9	3	5	1	14
Gloucs (15)	9	3	5	1	14
Durham (16)	11	0	10	1	2

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Warwickshire still have what it takes

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by 13 runs

CHAMPIONS in 1994 and runners-up last year, Warwickshire have quite sufficient savvy to finish no lower in the AXA Equity & Law League this season. They are four points behind the leaders after this victory over the Benson and Hedges Cup-winners, achieved before a crowd that was no smaller than they would have drawn on a Sunday. The principal contribution came from Neil Smith, but this was another all-round performance.

Various individuals came up with quick runs or useful wickets when they were most needed. Mention should also be made of Penney, who caught Crawley and then Fairbrother on the deep square leg boundary. Each was finely judged, the second taken inches inside the boundary rope.

Lancashire required 42 from the last four overs, then 29 from the final two. Austin, whose ability is more widely recognised after the events of Saturday, struck the ball to good effect until he was out with six balls remaining, but the task was too great. Munton took two wickets in the penultimate over and Lancashire finished 14 runs short of victory.

As they had for the Benson and Hedges Cup final, Lancashire left out Elworthy, their South African all-rounder. There was no point in changing a winning side.

Having conceded 66 off the first 12 overs, Lancashire did well to restrict their opponents to 212 for six. The pitch, which was slow and worn, took a certain amount of spin. Although Smith made 76 off 82 balls, including a six and just three fours, the Warwickshire innings never really took shape. The two spinners, Watkinson and Yates, returned the best figures.

Other than Smith, the most impressive strokeplay came not from Penney or Pollock, or even Knight, who batted well enough, but from Brown, who elegantly lifted Chapple for six and then opened the face of the bat to cover-drive Austin for four. At the time, Warwickshire's total did not seem to be quite sufficient.

Watkinson went in Munton's first over and Gallian was run out by Oslear's swoop and throw. Atherton played pleasantly enough in making 33 in quick time before he was caught on the cover boundary. Lloyd ran himself out.

With Fairbrother coming in down the order after pulling a muscle in the field, Lancashire were dependent upon Crawley coming up with a measured innings. He made a half-century off 64 balls, but did not bat for quite long enough.

Durham savour taste of victory

By Jack Bailey

HARROGATE (Leicestershire won toss): Durham beat Leicestershire by seven wickets

ALTHOUGH Durham yesterday reached the final of the Costcutter Cup by virtue of a resounding victory over Leicestershire, in the process gaining their first win of the season over first-class county opposition, it would be unwise for long-suffering supporters to throw their hats too high in the air.

This was not the Leicestershire who have done so well in the championship. Too many key players were missing and their bowling was dreadfully thin. Such has been Durham's plight, though, that the prospect of lifting the cup today will set nerves jangling. A trophy is a trophy and Riverside is not exactly stiff with them.

Durham accomplished their task in fine style, limiting Leicestershire to 211 from their 55 overs and knocking off the runs with more than eight overs and seven wickets to spare; but Gloucestershire will be a tougher proposition.

Along the way, Sherwin Campbell and Stewart Hutton created a record partnership for the first wicket in this festival, which goes back 21 years. Having put on 196, they were only 16 runs short of completing a ten-wicket win when Hutton was bowled by a leg break from Clarke. Campbell needed only a single to complete his century when Clarke struck again in the same over.

Collingwood came and went without scoring, but with Millns limiting himself to three overs at the start of the innings and the rest of Leicestershire's attack strictly second string, Durham had no need to worry.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Costcutter Cup

Durham v Leicestershire

HARROGATE (Leicestershire won toss): Durham beat Leicestershire by seven wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

D L Maddy c Longley b Walker	36
A Habib c Ligertwood b Betts	4
B F Smith c Longley b Bainbridge	65
G I Macmillan c Betts b Walker	2
J J Whitaker c Cox b Bainbridge	36
I J Sutcliffe c Bainbridge b Killeen	12
V P Clarke lbw b Betts	2
*D J Millns not out	25
T J Mason c Collingwood b Killeen	2
D Williamson c Bainbridge b Killeen	1
†P Whitticase not out	10
Extras (lb 12, w 4)	16
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-76, 3-91, 4-153, 5-163, 6-166, 7-178, 8-184, 9-191

BOWLING: Betts 11-1-45-2; Killeen 11-1-47-3; Cox 11-2-33-0; Walker 11-0-42-2; Bainbridge 11-0-32-2

DURHAM

S L Campbell b Clarke	99
S Hutton b Clarke	87
D M Cox not out	8
P D Collingwood c sub b Williamson	0
J I Longley not out	9
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	12
Total (3 wkts, 46 overs)	215

*M A Roseberry, P Bainbridge, †D G C Ligertwood, M M Betts, N Killeen and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-196, 2-197, 3-198

BOWLING: Millns 3-0-11-0; Williamson 9-2-35-1; Mason 11-0-35-0; Clarke 7-0-46-2; Macmillan 11-1-47-0; Maddy 5-0-35-0

Umpires: J D Bond and A Clarkson.

Man-of-the-match: S L Campbell.

AXA Equity & Law League

Northants v Yorkshire

NORTHAMPTON (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by two wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie lbw b Silverwood	69
A Fordham c Blakey b Gough	*3*
K M Curran not out	92
A L Penberthy c White b Bevan	20
*R J Bailey b Hartley	5
D J Capel not out	20
Extras (lb 11, w 8, nb 8)	27
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	236

†R J Warren, T C Walton, J E Emburey, J P Taylor and N A Mallender did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-126, 3-158, 4-195.

BOWLING: Gough 8-1-32-1; Silverwood 8-0-55-1; Hartley 8-0-38-1; White 8-0-36-0; Stemp 4-0-33-0; Bevan 4-0-31-1

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon c Taylor b Curran	72
M P Vaughan b Taylor	6
M G Bevan c Bailey b Taylor	12
**D Byas b Taylor*	7
C White c Curran b Emburey	2
A McGrath lbw b Emburey	69
†R J Blakey not out	35
D Gough c Emburey b Capel	5
P J Hartley c Taylor b Mallender	2
C E W Silverwood not out	14
Extras (lb 5, w 5, nb 6)	16
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	240

R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-31, 3-39, 4-47, 5-158, 6-199, 7-213, 8-216

BOWLING: Mallender 5-0-25-1; Taylor 8-0-41-3; Capel 8-0-50-1; Emburey 8-0-34-2; Curran 8-0-57-1; Penberthy 3-0-25-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and N T Plews

Warwickshire v Lancashire

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Lancashire by 13 runs

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight b Yates	32
N M K Smith c Martin b Austin	76
D P Ostler lbw b Watkinson	11
A J Moles b Chapple	15
T L Penney run out	21
S M Pollock not out	27
†M Burns lbw b Yates	1
D R Brown not out	*17*
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 3)	18
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	212

A F Giles, G C Small and *T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-93, 3-133, 4-161, 5-170, 6-173

BOWLING: Martin 7-0-29-0; Austin 8-0-52-1; Yates 8-0-32-2; Watkinson 8-0-22-1; Lloyd 2-0-18-0; *Chapple 7-0-35-1*

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson b Munton	5
M A Atherton c Ostler b Brown	33
J E R Gallian run out	14
J P Crawley c Penney b Pollock	52
G D Lloyd run out	7
†W K Hegg c Ostler b Munton	34
N H Fairbrother c Penney b Giles	4
I D Austin lbw b Pollock	30
G Yates st Burns b Munton	2
G Chapple not out	3
P J Martin not out	3
Extras (lb 9, w 3)	12
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-30, 3-71, 4-108, 5-124, 6-133, 7-183, 8-192, 9-192

BOWLING: Munton 8-1-35-3; Pollock 8-0-33-2; Small 6-0-23-0; Brown 4-0-19-1; Smith 6-0-29-0; Giles 8-0-41-1

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J W Holder

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Copenhagen Ball Club: Holland 342-9 (L van Troost 81, T de Leede 76 not out, B Zuiderent 76, A Zulfiqar 53, P Roshier 4-64). England NCA 206-9 (D Clarke 76 not out). Holland won by 136 runs. Køge: Israel 110-9. Scotland 111-3 (I Philip 50 not out). Scotland won by seven wickets. Group B: Brondby: Denmark 218-6 (S Nielsen 52, N Doak 4-44). Ireland 220-6 (N Doak 51 not out, A Dunlop 51). Ireland won by four wickets. Albertslund: Italy 172. Gibraltar 173-4 (N Churuman 50). Gibraltar won by six wickets.

DAVID BRANIGAN

Two Sigma 33-footers come within touching distance while rounding a mark during racing yesterday

Pender tightens grip in Sigma class

From Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent
in Crosshaven, Co Cork

NO ONE quite knows why so many Sigma 33s have turned up here at Ford Cork Week — some say it is a case of "herd instinct" — but the presence of 73 boats has made for one of the best *United Kingdom* national championships for years.

The fleet has so far enjoyed almost perfect conditions, with steady breezes out of the southeast, and the crews have indulged in some serious *aprés*-yachting in the tented village. There is a wide range of racing ability on show, with some crews here chiefly for fun.

After five races of the planned nine, the boats in contention are almost all from the Clyde or the English South Coast, reflecting the eagerly-awaited match-up between the two fleets.

The overall leader is *St Joan*, owned by the naval architect, Ian Nicolson, from Helensburgh, but helmed by the Sonata class champion, *Simon Pender. With two first* places, a second, a third and a sixth, Pender is starting to take a hold on the series.

The Largs-based *Phoenix*, co-owned by John and Hillary Connelly, who have won the Sigma class at the Rover Series at Tarbet for the last two years, is second, with John Nelson's successful Solent-based *Shadowfax* in third.

The chasing group includes David Bonner's *Sigmatic II*, from Warsash, Jeremy Vines in *Harmony*, from the Hamble, and David Prior-Palmer in *Honey of Bosham*. Vines, who is sailing with two brothers and one of his sons, believes the racing has been typically tight. "In this fleet, it's incredibly close," he said. "You've only got to sneeze and five boats will go past. You cannot afford mistakes."

In yesterday's first race, the fourth in the series, sailed on a windward-leeward course, it was the class chairman, Jack Kelly, *in Moonshine, from* Hamble Point, who got away at the start and then led the fleet home to win by nearly two minutes.

Next to cross the line was *St Joan*, who had been involved a match-race with *Phoenix* for most of the way round. The latter eventually finished fifth behind Bobby Napier's *Boojum* and Gavin Watson's *Rupert*, who improved from seventh at the second windward mark.

While the Sigmas fought it out on the high seas, the big boats at the regatta were enjoying tight racing on a course that took three classes right beside Cork harbour up to Scorpio buoy, just a half-mile down river from the old Royal Cork Yacht Club and opposite the imposing cathedral at Cobh.

At one point on a narrowing course, there were up to 60 yachts running under spinnaker or beating away from the buoy, led by the American-owned maxi *Sorcery*, in a test of nerve as much as racing skill.

On the way through the narrow harbour entrance, crews fought to hold spinnakers on an increasingly tight reach. One of the best performers was the J105 *Jee Mags*, helmed by Brian McKee, from Newtownards.

One casualty of the regular spinnaker hoists and drops during the race was a crewman on Joe McCarthy's Davidson one-tonner, *Canterbury*, who lost the tip of a finger in a winch and was taken to Cork University Hospital for treatment.

The class zero winner on handicap was the Bashford-Howison 41 *Surfing Shoes*. The class one winner was the First 42.7 *Sarah J*, with the Dubois 33 *Victric 3*, prevailing in class two.

IN BRIEF

Doak steers Ireland to emphatic victory

IRELAND'S cricketers made a nonsense of the seedings for the ICC Trophy next year when they beat their hosts by four wickets at Brondby, in Denmark, on the second day of the European cricket championship (David Townsend writes).

Neil Doak first applied a brake to the Denmark innings, taking four wickets with his off spin, and then steered his side to victory with an unbeaten half-century.

Denmark are seeded in the top four by the ICC for the tournament in Malaysia while Ireland do not even make the top eight, yet the disparity was not apparent as Denmark struggled to a total of 218 for six that always looked to be within Ireland's scope.

In Group A, Holland began their campaign with a comfortable 136-run win over the England NCA team at Copenhagen Ball Club. Holland rattled along to 342 for nine despite a clatter of late wickets, Paul Roshier taking four in four balls. Israel limped to 110 for nine against Scotland who knocked off the runs in only 17.5 overs.

Pitched in

Baseball: Cal Ripken, holder of the record for the most consecutive Major League appearances, has been moved from his usual position at short stop by his team, the Baltimore Orioles. After 2,216 consecutive appearances at short stop, Ripken played at third base in the 8-6 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday and, according to the manager, Davey Johnson, "made it look easy".

Newport-bound

Rugby union: Newport began their preparations for the new Heineken League season yesterday by making three signings. Vince Davies, the flanker, joined from Cardiff while Lee Jones, a centre, and Chris Crane, a lock forward, signed from Newbridge.

On the mend

Rugby league: Anthony Sullivan, the wing, could make a surprise return to the St Helens team before the end of the Stones Super League season after an encouraging response to treatment for leg injuries he suffered at Wigan last month.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, first day of three
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Pakistanis

Tour match
11.0, first day of three
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v South Africa A

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, first day of four
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Sussex

Costcutter Cup
11.0, 50 overs
HARROGATE: Gloucestershire v Durham

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP *(final day of three)*: **Swansea:** Glamorgan v Derbyshire. **Bristol:** Gloucestershire v Middlesex. **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Warwickshire. **Wellingborough School:** Northamptonshire v Sussex. **Trent Bridge:** Nottinghamshire v Durham. **Taunton:** Somerset v Kent. **The Oval:** Surrey v Lancashire. **Halesowen:** Worcestershire v Hampshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP *(final day of two)*: **Grantham:** Lincolnshire v Cumberland *(first day of two)*. **Fenner's:** Cambridgeshire v Cumberland. **Colwyn Bay:** Wales v Devon.

SCHOOLS MATCH *(one day)*: ***Lord's:*** MCC Schools v NAYC

FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup
Preliminary round, first leg
Bohemians v Dinamo Minsk
(at Dalymount Park, 8.0)
Newtown v Skonto Riga (7.0)
Portadown v Vojvodina (8.0)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Men's tournament (Manchester)

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Today's hand features a blocking play that was not easy to see at the table.

Dealer East *Love all* *Rubber bridge*

North:
♠5 4
♥10 6 3
♦K 10 8 6
♣J 8 3 2

West:
♠Q 10 9 8 7 2
♥—
♦J 5 4
♣Q 9 7 6

East:
♠A J 6
♥K Q 8 5
♦9 7 2
♣A 10 5

South:
♠K 3
♥A J 9 7 4 2
♦A Q 3
♣K 4

W	N	E	S
—	—	1 NT (12-14)	Double
3 S	Pass	Pass	4 H
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Contract: Four Hearts Doubled, by South. Lead: ten of spades

After doubling East's weak NT, South was more or less obliged to bid Four Hearts when West's pre-emptive Three Spades came back to him. Of course, North could have had a completely useless hand, but in practice it always seems to work out that the dummy will have one or two useful bits and pieces. Anyway, South was Howard Cohen, one of the more optimistic players at TGR's. East's double of Four Hearts was a doubtful action. It certainly gave away *the trump position*.

East took the ace of spades and returned the jack. Now Cohen made the bright move of leading the jack of hearts. East won the queen and tried a low club, which Cohen won with the king. At this point South could pick up East's K 8 5 of hearts if he had two entries to the dummy. So he led a low diamond and when West (an ex-international player) played low, put in the ten. Now declarer was able to bring in the remaining hearts for no loss, to make his contract.

East was quick to notice West's mistake. Have you? West should have played the jack of diamonds on the first round of the suit. Then the blockage in diamonds means there is only one entry to dummy, and East must make a second trump trick.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SLOYD
a. Head-girl at Headington
b. Elementary carpentry
c. Tired and emotional

ZUG
a. Waterproof leather
b. Former king of Albania
c. Extinct type of bat

THYMOLEPTIC
a. Soul or spirit
b. Disease of the glands
c. A mathematical puzzle

VODUN
a. A Dutch cheese
b. A fetish
c. An artificial language

Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Nine year old wins

A potential star has appeared on the British horizon in nine-year-old Teresa Khoo. At the finals of the Rotary Chess Initiative in Nottingham, she annihilated Aaron Summerscale, inflicting the only defeat on the international master's during his 34-board simultaneous display.

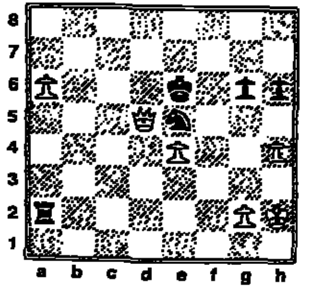
Khoo's opening was unsophisticated but after a couple of inaccuracies by the master, she broke through with a sacrificial attack *and concluded the technical* phase with great efficiency.

White: Teresa Khoo
Black: Aaron Summerscale
Simultaneous Display, July 1996

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Bd3	Ngf6
6	Ng3	g6
7	Nf3	Bg7
8	Be3	Qb6
9	b3	Nd5
10	Ne2	Nxe3
11	fxe3	e5
12	c3	0-0
13	0-0	Qd8
14	Qc2	Qe7
15	Rae1	*Re8*
16	Ng3	b6
17	h4	Bb7
18	Ng5	Rf8
19	N3e4	h6
20	Nxf7	Rxf7
21	Rxf7	Kxf7
22	Rf1+	Ke8
23	Bc4	Rb8
24	Rf7	Qxf7
25	Nd6+	Ke7
26	Nxf7	Nf8
27	b4	Bc8
28	Nxe5	Bxe5
29	dxe5	Bf5
30	e4	Bd7
31	Qd2	Re8
32	Qf2	Be6
33	Bxe6	Kxe6
34	Qf6+	Kd7
35	Qd6+	Kc8
36	Qxc6+	Kd8
37	Qa8+	Ke7
38	Qxa7+	Nd7
39	a4	Rc8
40	a5	bxa5
41	bxa5	Rxc3
42	Qd4	Rc6
43	Qb4+	Ke6
44	Qb5	Nxe5
45	a6	Rc1+
46	Kh2	Ra1
47	Qb7	Ra2
48	Qd5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Convincing Korchnoi

Viktor Korchnoi has scored a clear victory in the international tournament in Malmo, Sweden. Korchnoi scored 7.5/9 ahead of Britain's Tony Miles in second place on 6.5.

New Times Book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (01376 321276) at £6.99+p&p.

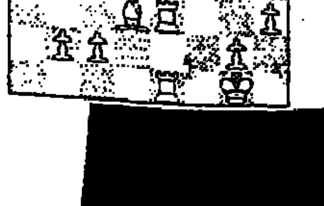
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Pingitzer — Jusic, Austria 1992. The danger signal here for Black is that his king has no flight squares. How can White complete the constriction and deliver checkmate with a neat combination?

Solution, page 46



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Lottery clouds financial outlook

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer received a timely reminder of the parlous state of racing and betting industry finances yesterday in the annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board laid before Parliament.

The National Lottery is blamed for the levy on horserace betting having fallen to £48 million in 1995-96 — £7 million less than that forecast in October 1994, before the lottery began. The decline in revenue has meant a sum of more than £8 million of the Levy Board's reserves has been used to try to protect funding of racing.

Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the Levy Board, said the profit reductions announced in recent months by the big bookmakers "have made it clear that the industry is experiencing, in the effects of the National Lottery, the worst setback in its fortunes since betting shops were legalised in 1960."

Betting shops are closing at an unprecedented rate and their number fell from 9,500 to 9,000 during the year, Rodney Brack, the Levy Board's chief executive, said. The gloom has prompted Sir John to back the expected request from the British Horseracing Board for a further cut of 1.75 per cent in betting duty.

Given the lottery's effect, the annual report of the Tote, also published yesterday, is more encouraging. Turnover for the 12 months was a record £304 million, an increase of 12 per cent, and operating profit increased by 1.6 per cent to £10,939,000.

RACING: HANDICAPPER REACTS TO MISTAKE BY IMPOSING HEFTY RATING INCREASES

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Fahim makes the most of the handicapper's error of judgment with a decisive victory at the Newmarket July meeting last week

Winners feel weight of authority

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THERE is consolation in toiling as an official handicapper of racehorses. Others may enjoy a brief titter at your expense but you are assured of the last laugh, as connections of Fahim and Crown Court may be reflecting this morning.

Dominic Gardiner-Hill, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) handicapper, reacted sharply to having underestimated the ability of the two horses. Not so much blots as serious stains on the handicap, they gained runaway victories at Newmarket's July meeting last week. Gardiner-Hill took full account yesterday by raising Fahim and Crown Court to 11lb and 14lb higher marks respectively.

The two colts earned their original ratings when finishing first and third in a humble maiden race in June. However, that contest was far removed from the standard fare at Beverley. The runner-up, Shehab, subsequently landed a Sandown claimer by seven lengths and the fourth, Desert Frolic, has since rattled up a five-timer.

There has been abundant sympathy for Gardiner-Hill from racing professionals. "Even Jack Ramsden, who handicaps privately, had some nice words for me," Gardiner-Hill related yesterday. "I asked him how he would have rated the Beverley race and he told me he would have done exactly the same thing."

Given the good-natured but incessant ribbing, Gardiner-Hill might have been excused for taking a harsher line with Fahim and Crown Court. "All handicappers have a sense of professional pride about their work," he said, "but even in a situation like this I try to remain objective. I believe the horses deserve their rises but I can't guarantee that they won't win again next time. Both are the sort of progressive horses that can give us nightmares."

Fortunately, Gardiner-Hill, 32, does not appear to have suffered a crisis of confidence. Having computed privately for eight years with conspicuous success, he has just completed his third year among a team of young BHB handicappers. "I can tell you I was feeling pretty sick after Crown Court hacked up, but the fact remains that the tipsters were not jumping up and down before he ran at Newmarket.

"Hindsight has clearly proved me wrong but this is a fresh week," he continued. "I have put it all behind me. It is always difficult when well-bred or expensively bought horses run at the smaller tracks. They can be rated anything between 75 and 105. The irony is that if it had happened at Salisbury on a quiet day, as opposed to Newmarket on a big day, no one would really have noticed. Everyone makes one howling mistake in a season and I sincerely hope that mine is now done and dusted."

Handicapping horses has the same occupational hazards as working for the Inland Revenue. Never mind overestimates, an accurate assessment is likely to promote shrieks of indignation. Yet any undercooking the goose will be ruthlessly exploited by trainers.

The combined assets of experience and wisdom are no guarantee against infallibility. Even Geoffrey Gibbs, now in his retirement year, believed Luca Cumani had borrowed something from the past when he muttered to Crown Court's trainer: "Glad to see you have not lost your touch." But Fahim's victory 48 hours later emphasised that Beverley had attracted a host of unusually talented runners on June 6.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WITHERKAY
(3.05 Sandown Park)
Next best: Sous Le Nez
(7.30 Doncaster)

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
6.15 Corncrake. 6.45 **SCHOOL BOY** (nap). 7.15 Half An Inch. 7.45 Prince Danzig. 8.15 Frog. 8.45 Lillibella.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 **FROG** (nap).

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 OVINGDEAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,381: 5f 59yd) (4 runners)

1	5	CORNCRAKE 6 B Meehan 8-11	T Quinn 1
2	0054	DOZEN ROSES 19 (B) T Jones 8-11	R Perham 4
3	235	ROYAL EMBLEM 11 A Foster 8-11	T Sprake 3
4	600	SILVER SPELL 7 (V) J Scargill 8-11	D Holland 2

6-4 Corncrake, 7-4 Royal Emblem, 4-1 Dozen Roses, 6-1 Silver Spell

6.45 GO EVENING RACING WITH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,016: 5f 213yd) (6)

1	0362	SCHOOL BOY 6 T Naughton 3-10-0	D Holland 2
2	066	MEMPHIS BEAU 12 (B) J Toller 3-9-6	S Sanders 1
3	005	REDSKIN LADY 13 D Elsworth 3-9-1	Dane O'Neill (3) 6
4	4222	FLAGSTAFF 30 (V) G L Moore 3-9-0	M Roberts 3
5	0-00	DARK MENACE 19 E Wheeler 4-8-10	A Daly (5) 4
6	000-	BARONESS BLIXEN 275 D Murray Smith 3-8-5	N Adams 5

5-4 Flagstaff, 6-4 School Boy, 7-1 Redskin Lady, 8-1 Memphis Beau, 16-1 Baroness Blixen, 20-1 Dark Menace

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Benstead, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; M Prescott, 14 from 52, 26.9%; R Flower, 7 from 27, 25.9%; J Dunlop, 18 from 70, 25.7%; R Akehurst, 23 from 91, 25.3%; D Murray-Smith, 3 from 14, 21.4%

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 45 winners from 221 rides, 20.4%; P McCabe, 6 from 30, 20.0%; S Sanders, 8 from 43, 18.6%; G Duffield, 18 from 98, 18.4%; A Daly, 4 from 27, 14.8%; Dane O'Neill, 5 from 41, 12.2%; M Henry, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

7.15 WHITE HAWK SELLING STAKES (£2,070: 7f 214yd) (8) — SKY

1	0500	PRINCE RUDOLF 12 (V,C,G) W G M Turner 4-9-5	Amanda Sanders (5) 8
2	2204	ROCKY WATERS 11 (F,G) P Burgoyne 7-9-5	P McCabe (3) 7
3	6310	HALF AN INCH 5 (B,D,F) B Meehan 3-9-2	T Quinn 6
4	-505	COVEN MOON 13 (V,F) D Morris 6-9-0	A Eddery (7) 2
5	0-00	OUR LITTLE LADY 18 J Poulton 4-9-0	A Morris 5
6	0545	PEARL DAWN 1 (F,G) G L Moore 6-9-0	S Whitworth 1
7	-000	EMBROIDERED 14 (B) R Flower 3-8-6	D Biggs 3
8	5033	JUST MILLIE 8 (B,F) J Banks 3-8-6	G Faulkner (7) 4

2-1 Pearl Dawn, 3-1 Just Millie, 7-2 Half An Inch, 8-1 Coven Moon, Rocky Waters, 10-1 Our Little Lady, 12-1 others

7.45 SOUTH DOWNS HANDICAP (£3,529: 1m 3f 196yd) (5) — SKY

1	0014	RISING DOUGH 14 (C,F) G L Moore 4-9-11	Dane O'Neill (3) 2
2	346	ST RITA 40 J Dunlop 3-9-10	G Duffield 5
3	1216	CANTON VENTURE 6 (D,BF,F,G) S Woods 4-9-5	W Woods 3
4	1350	PRINCE DANZIG 14 (CD,F,G) D Murray Smith 5-9-5	Paul Eddery 4
5	0405	NORSONG 19 (BF,F) R Akehurst 4-8-5	S Sanders 1

7-4 Rising Dough, 5-2 Prince Danzig, 4-1 Canton Venture, 5-1 St Rita, 8-1 Norsong

8.15 TELSCOMBE CLIFFS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,381: 1m 1f 209yd) (6) — SKY

1	0-11	FROG 5 (D,F) M Prescott 9-12 (5ex)	G Duffield 2
2	3135	ALLSTARS EXPRESS 16 (D,F) T Naughton 9-7	D Holland 3
3	-000	HENRY OTIS 46 R Akehurst 9-0	T Quinn 4
4	0442	AGAIN TOGETHER 2 G L Moore 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3) 6
5	-005	TIAMA 42 S Dow 8-12	S Sanders 1
6	0460	EFFICACIOUS 14 C Benstead 8-5	D Biggs 5

5-4 Frog, 3-1 Allstars Express, 4-1 Again Together, 6-1 Tiama, 8-1 Henry Otis, 16-1 Efficacious

8.45 LEWES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,381: 5f 59yd) (4) — SKY

1	-050	MIDNIGHT SPELL 18 J Hills 4-8-13	M Henry (3) 4
2	-003	LITERARY SOCIETY 20 J Toller 3-8-12	S Sanders 3
3	2560	RAWI 6 (B) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-12	Dane O'Neill (3) 1
4	3342	LILLIBELLA 11 (BF) I Balding 3-8-9	T Quinn 2

6-4 Literary Society, 5-2 Lillibella, 11-4 Midnight Spell, 6-1 Rawi

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 100yd) 1, FALCON'S FLAME (F Lynch, 9-2); 2† Gulf Of Siam (Martin Dwyer 9-2); 2†, Mels Baby (M Henry, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Lucky Bea, 8 Contract Bridge (6th), 10 Born A Lady (5th), 12 Fairly Sure (4th), 16 Cottage Prince, 20 Fisiostar, Rhythmic Ball, 33 Animation, Sizzling Serenade, Totally Different, 50 Kudos Blue. 14 ran. NR: Respecting. 1½l, dd-ht, 1¾l, ½l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, Gulf Of Siam £1.90, Mels Baby £1.40. DF: Falcon's Flame, Gulf Of Siam £11.40. Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby £7.40. Trio: £32.00. CSF: Falcon's Flame, Gulf Of Siam £12.90. Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby £9.50. Tricast: Falcon's Flame, Gulf Of Siam, Mels Baby £34.22. Falcon's Flame, Mels Baby, Gulf Of Siam £31.75.

2.30 (7f 100yd) 1, CLINCHER CLUB (T Williams, 4-1); 2, Miss Impulse (J Quinn, 25-1); 3, Uncle George (P Robinson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Oberons Boy (4th), 14 Apartments Abroad (6th), 16 Crystal Fast, 33 Inca Bird, Phlegem (5th), 50 Insideout. 9 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 2l, 6l, sh hd. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £7.90; £1.80, £4.40, £1.10. DF: £197.70. Trio: £195.60. CSF: £77.36. Oberons Boy finished third but after a stewards' inquiry was placed fourth.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, GREEN BARRIES (M Hills, 4-1); 2, Kilvine (K Darley, 4-1); 3, Kazimiera (Martin Dwyer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Jerry Cutrona (4th), 6 Mybotye (6th), 33 Safio (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 1½l, hd, 12l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £4.80. CSF: £10.37. Menoo Hal Batal (9-4) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 30p in pound.

3.30 (5f) 1, DOUBLE-J (W J O'Connor, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Swino (J Fortune, 11-2); 3, Swiss Coast (K Fallon, 7-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Al Ava Consonant (6th), Mujova (4th), 10 Compact Disc (5th), 20 Juicy Ting. 7 ran. Nk, ¾l, nk, 2l, 3½l. K McAuliffe at Lambourn. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £6.40. CSF: £12.99.

4.00 (2m 35yd) 1, HULLBANK (J Tate, 11-4 fav); 2, Teen Jay (T Williams, 5-1); 3, Rogue Spring (K Darley, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Atherton Green, 8 All On (5th), 10 Bourdonner, Royal Circus, 12 Vain Prince (6th), 16 Longcroft (4th), 25 Tanyer, 50 Island Cascade. 11 ran. 3l, 1¼l, ½l, 5l, 3l. W Haigh at Malton. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £8.60. Trio: £14.00. CSF: £16.27. Tricast: £70.59.

4.30 (5f) 1, NED'S BONANZA (A Clark, 11-4 fav); 2, Dominelle (M Birch, 6-1); 3, Just Dissident (D McKeown, 14-1); 4, Rotherfield Park (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Pageboy, Queens Check, 14 Invigilate, Palium, Sound The Trumpet, Terror, 16 Cool-Hen Flash, Gagajulu, Imp Express (8th), 20 Aquado (5th), Mu-Arrik, Time To Fly, 25 Branston Kristy, Christian Flight, First Option, Prime Property. 20 ran. Shd, ½l, ½l, 1l, nk. M Dods at Darlington. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.90, £2.90, £2.40. DF: £9.40. Trio: £42.10. CSF: £21.32. Tricast: £200.67.

Jackpot: £7,101.00 (0.50 winning tickets; pool of £5,000.72 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £15.80. Quadpot: £2.90.

Brighton

Going: firm, watered last 6f

2.15 (5f 213yd) 1, Song Mist (T Quinn, 10-11 fav); 2, Aim Seven (2-1); 3, Beaconscol (11-2). 5 ran. 1¾l, 5l. P Cole. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.96.

2.45 (6f 209yd) 1, Barnwood Crackers (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Spondulicks (9-2); 3, Surprise Event (11-4 fav). 7 ran. Sh hd, 1¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £2.90; £2.20, £2.20. DF: £8.40. CSF: £15.53. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.15 (6f 209yd) 1, Quinze (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Atlantic Storm (9-4); 3, Anak-Ku (6-1). Diamond Beach 5-6 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, sh hd. M Prescott. Tote: £9.30; £3.40, £1.30. DF: £18.70. CSF: £25.04.

3.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Night Wink (S Whitworth, 16-1); 2, Fort Knox (12-1); 3, Confronter (7-2). Greatest 10-11 fav. 6 ran. NR: Toujours Riviera. 1¾l, 1½l. G L Moore. Tote: £13.70; £5.40, £2.90. DF: £35.60. CSF: £139.02.

4.15 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Greenwich Again (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2, General Mouktar (2-1 fav); 3, Perfect Gift (9-4). 5 ran. 4l, nk. T Mills. Tote: £6.70; £2.20, £1.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £25.98.

4.45 (6f 209yd) 1, Crystal Heights (S Sanders, 7-1); 2, Gentle Irony (4-1); 3, Ivory's Grab Hire (9-1). Perilous Plight 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Audrey Grace. 1¼l, 1¼l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £6.80; £1.70, £2.30, £2.50. DF: £22.70. Trio: £36.00. CSF: £34.31. Tricast: £242.68.

Placepot: £1,244.20. Quadpot: £509.00.

Monday's late details

Windsor

Going: good to firm

6.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Shabanaz (J Reid, 8-11 fav); 2, Elly Fleetfoot (4-1); 3, Monty (9-1). 6 ran. NR: Domettes, Northern Trial. 4l, 7l. W Muir. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.93. No bid.

7.00 (5f 217yd) 1, Dancing Drop (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 2, Princess Topaz (33-1); 3, Inflation (4-1). 10 ran. 1l, 1¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £3.50, £1.30. DF: £22.40. Trio: £26.10. CSF: £33.85.

7.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Double Bluff (Martin Dwyer, 7-1); 2, Special Dawn (4-1); 3, Rokeby Bowl (11-1). Freedom Flame 11-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Danegold. 2l, 2½l. I Balding. Tote: £6.80; £2.20, £2.80. DF: £12.00. CSF: £32.48. Tricast: £277.19.

8.00 (1m 67yd) 1, Rubbiyati (B Doyle, 16-1); 2, Budby (4-1 fav); 3, Bakers Daughter (14-1); 4†, Emily-Mou (5-1); 4†, Rainbows Rhapsody (10-1). 16 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £28.00; £4.80, £1.80, £2.90. Emily-Mou £0.80. Rainbows Rhapsody £1.50. DF: £57.80. Trio: £297.70. CSF: £79.94. Tricast: £888.78.

8.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Unitus (J Reid, 6-4 fav); 2, Sea Of Stone (9-4); 3, Llyswen (25-1). 12 ran. 5l, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.20, £3.80. DF: £3.50. Trio: £28.50. CSF: £5.70.

9.00 (5f 10yd) 1, Bowcliffe Grange (J Quinn, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, The Institute Boy (10-1); 3, Oscilights Gift (33-1). Delrob 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 4l, ¾l. D Chapman. Tote: £6.00; £2.20, £3.70, £17.30. DF: £32.20. Trio: £692.90. CSF: £44.10. Tricast: £1,101.08.

Placepot: £51.90. Quadpot: £42.80.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

6.45 (6f) 1, Dayville (T Sprake, 5-2 fav); 2, Mudflap (3-1); 3, The Wyandotte Inn (9-1). 8 ran. 6l, nk. R Charlton. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.09.

7.15 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, Los Alamos (D McKeown, 4-5 fav); 2, Ballos (3-1); 3, Sister Kit (8-1). 5 ran. 3l, 13l. C Thornton. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.70.

7.45 (5f) 1, Need You Badly (W Woods, 8-1); 2, Lloc (5-1); 3, Monis (10-1). Napier Star 7-2 fav. 11 ran. 1l, 1¾l. S Woods. Tote: £8.00; £2.10, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £17.60. Trio: £83.60. CSF: £44.69.

8.15 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Halebid (W Woods, 13-2); 2, Giftbox (2-1 fav); 3, Heathyards Lady (10-1). 12 ran. Hd, 1½l. S Woods. Tote: £10.50; £3.10, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £17.40. Trio: £79.90. CSF: £21.36. Tricast: £131.71.

8.45 (7f) 1, Our Kevin (D R McCabe, 5-4 fav); 2, Ball-Pet (33-1); 3, Soviet Lady (6-1). 7 ran. ¾l, nk. K McAuliffe. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £8.40. DF: £32.70. CSF: £30.15. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood. Bought in 7,200 gns.

9.15 (1m 4f) 1, Newbridge Boy (D R McCabe, 7-2); 2, Moonraking (3-1 fav); 3, Pleasureland (10-1). 10 ran. Nk, 9l. M Meagher. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £10.20. Trio: £30.00. CSF: £14.66. Tricast: £91.06.

Placepot: £29.00. Quadpot: £17.10.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
6.30 Sambac. 7.00 Bowcliffe Grange. 7.30 Martine. 8.00 Ret Frem. 8.30 Phantom Quest. 9.00 Strategic Ploy.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.00 **BOWCLIFFE GRANGE.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.30 Sambac. 8.30 Phantom Quest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,402: 6f) (3 runners)

1	(1)	1	ARRUHAN 21 (F) P Walwyn 8-10	W Carson	[illegible]
2	(2)	31	SAMBAC 14 (D,F) H Cecil 8-10	W Ryan	96
3	(3)	1334	SKYERS FLYER 12 (F) Ronald Thompson 8-6	N Connorton	88

4-7 Sambac, 7-4 Arruhan, 10-1 Skyers Flyer

7.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£3,160: 5f) (8)

1	(6)	4101	NINETY-FIVE 14 (D,S) J Fitzgerald 4-9-11	P Roberts	96
2	(5)	0626	CAPTAIN CARAT 8 (C,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-10	Claire West (5)	92
3	(2)	5221	SILK COTTAGE 9 (V,D,G) R Whitaker 4-9-6 (7ex)	P Fredericks (5)	91
4	(7)	1301	BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 2 (B,D,F) D Chapman 4-8-9 (7ex)	K Sked (5)	[illegible]
5	(3)	P35	ABLE SHERIFF 26 (B,D,BF,F) M W Easterby 4-8-8	G Parkin	94
6	(8)	-050	CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 1 (B,F) S Gollings 7-8-2	F Lynch	91
7	(1)	3002	THE INSTITUTE BOY 2 (D,G) Miss J Craze 6-8-2	Carolyn Bales (7)	94
8	(4)	0034	DOUBLE GLOW 9 (B,D,F,G) N Bycroft 4-7-10	Iona Wands	80

9-4 Ninety-Five, 11-4 Captain Carat, 4-1 Bowcliffe Grange, 9-2 Silk Cottage, 7-1 Able Sheriff, 12-1 The Institute Boy, 16-1 others.

7.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WILMINGTON SISTER CITIES CUP MAIDEN (2-Y-O: £3,558: 5f) (5) — SKY

1	(2)	030	COMMANDER JONES 9 (B) B Meehan 9-0	J Carroll	93
2	(4)	65P	AMY 32 C Smith 8-9	N Carlisle	92
3	(1)		MARTINE A Bailey 8-9	D Wright (3)	–
4	(5)	2	SOUS LE NEZ 16 R Guest 8-9	K Darley	[illegible]
5	(3)	6	STEP N GO 37 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon	82

5-4 Sous Le Nez, 9-4 Step N Go, 5-1 Martine, 6-1 Commander Jones, 20-1 Amy.

8.00 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR TROPHY HANDICAP (£5,921: 1m rnd) (7) — SKY

1	(6)	6040	TAWAFIJ 8 (C,F,S) M Hammond 7-9-10	J Fortune	[illegible]
2	(4)	3-30	PHARMACY 18 (F) J Watts 3-9-6	J Carroll	82
3	(1)	1215	FAIRYWINGS 19 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-1	K Fallon	91
4	(2)	5001	TAEL OF SILVER 18 (C,F,G) A Bailey 4-8-13	K Darley	96
5	(3)	0616	BENTICO 11 (V,C,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-11	C Teague (3)	98
6	(5)	3033	KID ORY 13 (G) P Calver 5-8-11	M Birch	94
7	(7)	3124	RET FREM 21 (D,BF,F) M Jarvis 3-8-6	P Robinson	95

3-1 Ret Frem, 7-2 Fairywings, 4-1 Tawafij, 5-1 Pharmacy, 6-1 Tael Of Silver, 8-1 Kid Ory, 12-1 Bentico

8.30 CAMERON 4 SCANIA CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,442: 1m str) (6) — SKY

1	(1)	416	PHANTOM QUEST 52 (D,F) H Cecil 3-9-0	W Ryan	94
2	(5)	2132	POLINESSO 20 (D,BF,G) B Hills 3-9-0	M Hills	96
3	(2)	114-	CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 306 (F) P Harris 3-8-10	G Carter	81
4	(4)	3410	MUSHAHID 29 (CD,F,G) J Dunlop 3-8-10	W Carson	[illegible]
5	(6)	-540	VAN GURP 53 B McMahon 3-8-10	K Darley	90
6	(3)	12-0	LA VOLTA 58 (F) J Fitzgerald 3-8-5	K Fallon	80

Evens Phantom Quest, 3-1 Polinesso, 4-1 Mushahid, 10-1 Champagne Prince, 14-1 Van Gurp, 16-1 La Volta.

9.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD FILLIES TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,348: 1m 4f) (9)

1	(1)	1-00	AYUNLI 19 (D,F,G) S Williams 5-10-0	K Darley	95
2	(5)	106/	ZAJIRA 176J (D,S) P Eccles 6-9-13	T Ives	–
3	(4)	1110	STRATEGIC PLOY 18 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-6	K Fallon	[illegible]
4	(7)	6513	MIGHTY PHANTOM 14 (G) J Hills 3-9-3	M Hills	95
5	(6)	-116	TEMPTRESS 13 (D,BF,F,S) P Walwyn 3-9-0	J Carroll	97
6	(2)	5534	RISKY TU 14 (D,G) P Kelleway 5-8-5	G Bardwell	97
7	(9)	6003	INSTANTANEOUS 14J (D,F,G) T Easterby 4-8-5	M Birch	96
8	(3)	-130	CAMPASPE 37 (D,F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-4	D McKeown	97
9	(8)	0060	FRIENDLY DREAMS 11 (B) P Dalton 3-7-10	R Cody-Boutcher (7)	–

9-4 Mighty Phantom, 11-4 Strategic Ploy, 5-2 Temptress, 7-1 Ayunli, Risky Tu, 8-1 Instantaneous, Campaspe, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 22 winners from 85 runners, 25.9%; B Hills, 24 from 134, 17.9%; J Dunlop, 19 from 118, 16.1%; R Whitaker, 5 from 50, 10.0%; M Jarvis, 3 from 30, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 26 winners from 146 rides, 17.8%; W Ryan, 21 from 148, 14.2%; W Carson, 28 from 206, 13.6%; K Darley, 31 from 233, 13.3%; J Carroll, 17 from 150, 11.3%; G Carter, 9 from 82, 11.0%

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 6.15 Dozen Roses, 7.15 Embroidered, Just Millie. DONCASTER: 7.30 Commander Jones. REDCAR: 4.55 Tribal Mischief, Antares. SANDOWN PARK: 3.35 African-Pard

REDCAR

THUNDERER
2.15 Forest Fantasy. 2.50 Bag And A Bit. 3.20 Merrily. 3.50 Salska. 4.25 Double Up. 4.55 Ballymote.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 LANGBAURGH HANDICAP (£3,196: 1m 3f) (11 runners)

1	4404	ALMUHTARAM 6 (B,C,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0	K Fallon 10
2	00-3	SHARKASHKA 12 (G) T Easterby 6-9-7	M Birch 2
3	-302	HAWKISH 17 (BF,F,S) D Morley 7-9-6	M Fenton 9
4	3362	AUGUSTAN 6 (BF,F) S Gollings 5-9-4	V Halliday 7
5	6235	SILVERDALE KNIGHT 34 (F) K Hogg 3-9-1	D McKeown 5
6	0-00	DANCING DESTINY 13 R Bastiman 4-8-11	D Wright (3) 6
7	3340	ELITE BLISS 17 M Camacho 4-8-10	J Fortune 8
8	0200	ISLAY BROWN 11 (B) W Elsey 3-8-6	Dale Gibson 11
9	4630	FOREST FANTASY 28 J Wharton 3-8-5	P Robinson 3
10	4-04	NEVER SO TRUE 11 (D,F) M Wane 5-8-5	J Carroll 1
11	0056	BARDIA 26 (F) E Incisa 6-8-0	Kim Tinkler 4

7-2 Sharkashka, 5-1 Augustan, 6-1 Silverdale Knight, Hawkish, 8-1 Almuhtaram, Never So True, Islay Brown, 10-1 others.

2.50 SOUTH SHIELDS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,868: 6f) (15)

1	2041	THE WAD 9 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 9-3	W Ryan 13
2		BATALEUR Miss J Bower 9-1	D R McCabe 7
3	3602	NO MONKEY NUTS 13 (D,F) J Berry 9-1	J Carroll 1
4	0100	FORECAST 16 (D,F) J Wharton 8-11	P Robinson 6
5	0	TIME TICKS ON 14 M Elerby 8-9	C Teague (3) 3
6	00	CLANCASSIE 29 E Alston 8-8	J Fortune 4
7		PACKITIN F Watson 8-7	J Fanning 14
8	6000	DREAMS AND SCHEMES 35 R Fahey 8-6	K Fallon 10
9		HOTCAKE Miss S Hall 8-5	K Darley 2
10	5-00	HAYSONG 9 J Leigh 8-4	D McKeown 8
11	0400	MADONNA DA ROSSI 15 M Dods 8-4	N Connorton 11
12	0300	MAYSIMP 12 B Baugh 8-4	N Carlisle 5
13	0004	MARJORIE ROSE 16 (B) A Bailey 8-2	D Wright (3) 2
14	-400	APRIL'S JOY 68 (F) J Norton 7-12	Dale Gibson 15
15	5162	BAG AND A BIT 14 (F) B Meehan 7-12	F Lynch (3) 9

11-4 The Wad, 3-1 No Monkey Nuts, 7-1 Dreams And Schemes, 10-1 Forecast, Bag And A Bit, Marjorie Rose, 12-1 April's Joy, 14-1 others.

3.20 ANDERSONS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,815: 6f) (6)

1	6435	COMIC FANTASY 13 (F) M Wane 9-7	J Carroll 5
2	5-53	MERRILY 43 Miss S Hall 9-5	K Fallon 4
3	0-02	MIDDLE EAST 29 (C,F) T Barron 9-3	J Fortune 6
4	0612	SHARP MONTY 12 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-8	F Lynch (3) 3
5	0001	BEE HEALTH BOY 13 (B,D,S) M W Easterby 8-8	G Parkin (5) 2
6	3224	PATHAZE 9 (F) N Bycroft 7-13	J Lowe 1

11-4 Middle East, 7-2 Pathaze, 4-1 Bee Health Boy, 9-2 Sharp Monty, 6-1 Merrily, 7-1 Comic Fantasy

3.50 RED CROSS HANDICAP (£3,218: 1m 6f 19yd) (10)

1	1121	KINGS CAY 12 (F,G,S) T Caldwell 5-9-10	K Fallon 8
2	1-04	ELA MAN HOWA 38 (D,F,G) A Bailey 5-9-3	D Wright (3) 10
3	-063	MISWAKI DANCER 21 Lady Herries 6-9-3	Declan O'Shea 3
4	2031	SALSKA 4 (D,F,G) A Streeter 5-9-1 (5ex)	L Newton (5) 5
5	0044	THE BOOZING BRIEF 11 (BF) M Jarvis 3-8-12	P Robinson 1
6	0-51	MONACO GOLD 28 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-5	K Darley 2
7	4-00	LINDISFARNE LADY 51 (C,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-3	J Fanning 6
8	0005	KINDRED GREETING 6 (B) J A Harris 4-7-10	J O'Reilly 7
9	3-00	YAAKUM 13 (F,G) S Kettlewell 7-7-10	N Varley (3) 9
10	0600	DON'T CRY 13 E Incisa 8-7-10	Kim Tinkler 4

11-4 Kings Cay, 7-2 Miswaki Dancer, 4-1 Salska, 6-1 Monaco Gold, 8-1 The Boozing Brief, 10-1 Ela Man Howa, Lindisfarne Lady, 12-1 others.

4.25 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,332: 1m 2f) (11)

1	6105	DOUBLE UP 15 (D,G) Lady Herries 9-7	P Doe (7) 8
2	-061	ELASHATH 25 (C,F) J Gosden 9-5	R Hills 1
3	1441	SOCIETY GIRL 13 (D,F,G,S) C Thornton 9-2	D McKeown 3
4	0004	GIDDY 28 J Hetherton 9-0	N Kennedy 5
5	5130	ORDAINED 19 (CD,F) E Alston 8-12	K Fallon 11
6	0064	CERISE 11 (B) W Elsey 8-6	F Lynch (3) 7
7	0606	GLOBE RUNNER 11 J J O'Neill 8-4	T Williams 6
8	0054	NORTHERN FALCON 14 (B) M W Easterby 7-10	Dale Gibson 9
9	0600	MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 34 (B) N Tinkler 7-10	Kim Tinkler 4
10	000	BROWNIE'S PROMISE 21 M Brittain 7-10	J Lowe 2
11	00-0	MILL HOUSE BOY 16 B Rothwell 7-10	N Varley (3) 10

5-4 Elashath, 6-1 Double Up, Society Girl, 8-1 Cerise, 10-1 Northern Falcon, Giddy, 12-1 others.

4.55 SIMONSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,805: 5f) (10)

1	0030	ANTARES 37 (B) N Tinkler 8-9	K Darley 3
2	042	BALLYMOTE 27 J Berry 8-9	J Carroll 7
3	65	SUPER SAINT 27 T Barron 8-9	J Fortune 8
4	06	RISKY FLIGHT 12 A Smith 8-6	J Lowe 5
5		BALLADOOLE BAJAN M Johnston 8-4	T Williams 9
6	3246	TRIBAL MISCHIEF 26 (V) D Moffatt 8-1	Darren Moffatt (3) 4
7		MISS ALICE J Norton 7-12	Dale Gibson 1
8		PETITE RISK K Hogg 7-12	N Kennedy 10
9	00	STRAVANO 19 B Baugh 7-12	N Carlisle 2
10	3542	WHAT HAPPENED WAS 4 M Meade 7-12	F Norton 6

5-2 What Happened Was, 3-1 Ballymote, 7-2 Balladoole Bajan, 7-1 Antares, 8-1 Tribal Mischief, 10-1 Super Saint, 16-1 Petite Risk, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 8 winners from 25 runners, 32.0%; J Gosden, 13 from 54, 24.1%; D Morley, 5 from 34, 14.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 51 from 360, 14.2%; T Barron, 11 from 79, 13.9%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 57 winners from 273 rides, 20.9%; W Ryan, 16 from 78, 20.5%; P Robinson, 5 from 31, 16.1%; K Fallon, 21 from 136, 15.4%; R Hills, 10 from 75, 13.3%; J Carroll, 14 from 117, 12.0%

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Seebe	3.35 *Orchard Gold*
2.35 Hindsight	4.10 Eva Luna
3.05 Runic Symbol	4.40 Judgement Call

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 TIMEFORM RACECARD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,436: 5f 6yd) (4 runners)

101	(3)	2	ASSUME 32 (W Paterson) J Hills 9-0	G Duffield	[illegible]
102	(4)		HORNBEAM (K Payne) J Jenkins 9-0	R Cochrane	–
103	(1)	2	BOLD TINA 6 (BF) (Mrs C Hormsgard) R Hannon 9-9	Dane O'Neill (3)	93
104	(2)		SEEBE (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-9	M Hills	–

BETTING: 5-4 Bold Tina, 7-4 Assume, 9-4 Seebe, 25-1 Hornbeam

1995: NIGHT WATCH 9-0 B Thomson (6-5 fav) I Balding 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASSUME 5l 2nd of 11 to Magic Blue in auction maiden at Leicester (5f, good). HORNBEAM (foaled Mar 17) Half-brother by Rich Charlie to a winner in Germany, dam selling class sprinter. BOLD TINA 1½l 2nd of 7 to Head Over Heels in maiden at Chepstow (5f, good to firm). SEEBE (Mar 17) Sister by Danzig to Shillington, 1m 2f winner and half-sister to top-class miler Selkirk, dam high-class performer at up to 7f.
Selection: BOLD TINA

2.35 TIMEFORM DAY AT SANDOWN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,550: 7f 16yd) (11 runners)

201	(5)	5	BLUE RIVER 11 (M Legg) T Mills 9-0	Paul Eddery	81
202	(1)		CAPTAIN WILLIAM (D Watson) I Balding 9-0	M Hills	–
203	(11)		HINDSIGHT (M Tabor) W Haggas 9-0	R Cochrane	–
204	(9)	2	ISLE OF MAN 7 (BF) (Fand Salmun) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	[illegible]
205	(6)		MOON BLAST (Angmering Park Stud) Lady Herries 9-0	J Reid	–
206	(8)		MOTCOMBS CLUB (Motcombs Syndicate) N Callaghan 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	–
207	(4)		*RIVER KING (Highclere Thoroughbreds) R Hannon 9-0*	*M Roberts*	–
208	(2)	6	THE GREEN GREY 7 (G Greenwood) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	D Harrison	80
209	(10)	00	YANGTZE 21 (A Walsh) B Millman 9-0	W J O'Connor	75
210	(3)		MOONSPELL (The Queen) R Charlton 8-9	T Sprake	–
211	(7)	5	SCARLET LAKE 17 (BF) (Mrs M Taylor) D Loder 8-9	P McCabe (3)	–

BETTING: 9-4 Isle Of Man, 11-4 Moonspell, 7-1 Scarlet Lake, 9-1 Captain William, 10-1 Moon Blast, River King, The Green Grey, 12-1 others

1995: AL ABRAQ 9-0 R Hills (9-4 fav) J Hills 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE RIVER 11¾l 5th of 6 to Gretel in maiden over course and distance (7f, good to soft). ISLE OF MAN 5½l 2nd of 16 to Raindancing in auction maiden at Kempton (6f, good to firm) with THE GREEN GREY about 6½l 6th. MOON BLAST (foaled Mar 24) Half-brother by Reprimand to several winners including St Leger winner Moon Madness and Coronation Cup winner Sheriff Star, dam sister to Castle Keep 1m-1m 5f winner. YANGTZE 14l 9th of 13 to Sheer Folly in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
MOONSPELL (Feb 13). First foal by Batshoof, dam out of high-class middle-distance performer Light Duty and from family of Highclere, modest middle-distance maiden. SCARLET LAKE about 6¾l 5th of 8 to Miss Stamper in auction maiden at Chepstow (5f, good to firm).
Selection: ISLE OF MAN

3.05 COMPUTER TIMEFORM HANDICAP (£4,202: 1m 2f 7yd) (10 runners)

301	(9)	120002	MENTALASANYTHIN 97 (D,F,G,S) D Haydn Jones 7-9-10	A Mackay	91
302	(3)	063024	PREMIER LEAGUE 9 (D,BF,G,S) (Harlander Partners) J Long 6-9-9	T Field (7)	97
303	(5)	311410	AUTUMN COVER 12 (C,F) (G Alexander) P Hedger 4-9-6	D Biggs	94
304	(2)	527353	*HARVEY WHITE 34 (D,F) (Harvey White Partners) J Pearce 4-9-4*	*M Hills*	*87*
305	(7)	150140	ASHBY HILL 8 (F) (Miss M Tidnell) R Rowe 5-8-12	R Cochrane	93
306	(10)	042	WITHERKAY 21 (G Sampson) R Hannon 3-8-12	M Roberts	97
307	(1)	050-005	BRAYDON FOREST 16 (Mrs J Melbourne) C Drew 4-8-9	D Holland	96
308	(6)	306054	DESERT CALM 9 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 7-8-9	Jo Hunnam (7)	96
309	(8)	51014-4	MISTER O'GRADY 11 (D,F,G) (City Ind Supplies) R Akehurst 5-8-8	T Quinn	93
310	(4)	0-24312	RUNIC SYMBOL 9 (D,F) (D Sloan) M Blanshard 5-7-12	J Quinn	[illegible]

BETTING: 3-1 Mister O'Grady, 4-1 Witherkay, 5-1 Runic Symbol, 7-1 Premier League, 8-1 Autumn Cover, 10-1 Harvey White, Mentalasanythin, 12-1 others.

1995: TYKEYVOR 5-9-9 G Duffield (11-4 fav) Lady Herries 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MENTALASANYTHIN 1½l 2nd of 9 to Eau De Cologne in conditions race at Hamilton (1m 4f, good to soft). AUTUMN COVER beat Balloonist 2½l in 9-runner handicap here (1m, firm) on penultimate start, with ASHBY HILL (6lb better off) 2l 4th. HARVEY WHITE 2l 3rd of 9 to Chieftain's Crown in *apprentice handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, firm)*. ASHBY HILL best recent effort, beat Dramatic Moment 3l in 8-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm). WITHERKAY ¾l 2nd of 8 to Monument in claimer at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) with DESERT CALM (5lb better off) 5¾l 5th. RUNIC SYMBOL 2½l 2nd of 24 to Game Ploy in handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good) with PREMIER LEAGUE (5lb better off) 4l 4th.
Selection: WITHERKAY

3.35 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK HANDICAP (£3,501: 7f 16yd) (11 runners)

401	(8)	46-0350	AFRICAN-PARD 9 (B) (G Weeks) D Haydn Jones 4-9-10	T Quinn	86
402	(7)	60-0	FLYING FLOWERS 22 (P Pritchard) R Hannon 3-9-6	Dane O'Neill (3)	89
403	(3)	11-0060	JUBILEE PLACE 18 (F) (T Chick) T Thomson Jones 3-9-4	S Sanders	92
404	(10)	216403	DUMMER GOLF TIME 9 (V,G) (Coroplan Plans) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-2	D Harrison	[illegible]
405	(5)	05/00-01	ORCHARD GOLD 12 (G) (S Pitt) J Pearce 5-8-9	G Bardwell	97
406	(2)	0-01346	IRREPRESSIBLE 11 (F) (R Callow) R Hodges 5-8-8	A Daly (5)	95
407	(11)	003000	JUSTINIANUS 9 (D,G,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-8-8	J Quinn	93
408	(1)	05040/0	YOUNG ROSE 16 (C Morbey Partners) Pat Mitchell 4-8-7	R Cochrane	–
409	(6)	0-50643	SYLVAN PRINCESS 18 (Camelot Racing) C Allen 3-8-1	Martin Dwyer (5)	94
410	(4)	050-06	MOYLOUGH REBEL 33 (Mrs A Warren) J Long 3-7-13	N Adams	98
411	(9)	400-000	SOBELOVED 17 (M Lawrance) N Berry 4-7-10	C Adamson (5)	93

BETTING: 11-4 Dummer Golf Time, 5-1 Irrepressible, Sylvan Princess, 7-1 Orchard Gold, 8-1 Flying Flowers, Jubilee Place, 10-1 African-Pard, 12-1 others.

1995: BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 6-8-4 G Hind (6-1) W Musson 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFRICAN-PARD about 6¾l 5th of 13 to Seventeens Lucky in apprentice handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). FLYING FLOWERS 17l 7th of 10 to Happy in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, firm). DUMMER GOLF TIME ¾l and neck 3rd of 18 to Croeso Cynnes in handicap at Windsor (6f, good). ORCHARD GOLD beat Thatchmaster 2l in 19-runner selling handicap at Warwick (1m, good). IRREPRESSIBLE 5¾l 4th of 10 to Asterix in ladies handicap at Chepstow (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SYLVAN PRINCESS 2½l 3rd of 13 to Tael Of Silver in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good) with JUBILEE PLACE (2lb better off) 12½l 9th. MOYLOUGH REBEL about 7¾l 6th of 9 to Sunley Secure in claimer at Goodwood (1m, good to firm).
Selection: DUMMER GOLF TIME

4.10 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,550: 1m 3f 91yd) (5 runners)

501	(1)		EVA LUNA (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-4	A McGlone	–
502	(4)	3	CABALLUS 33 (W Robins) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12	J Reid	[illegible]
503	(5)	0	GIVE AND TAKE 50 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12	D Harrison	–
504	(2)	0	PRIVATE PERCIVAL 9 (A Osborne) J Poulton 3-8-12	A Morris	–
505	(3)	00	SYLVAN HEIGHTS 9 (Mrs J Willment) R Phillips 3-8-12	R Perham	–

BETTING: Evens Eva Luna, 11-8 Caballus, 8-1 Give And Take, 20-1 Sylvan Heights, 33-1 Private Percival

1995: FIRE ON ICE 3-8-12 D Holland (100-30) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

EVA LUNA sister by Alleged to a useful French middle-distance stayer and half-sister to fair 1m 2½m winner Medicosma, dam very smart 1m 2f winner and runner-up in Oaks. CABALLUS 4l 3rd of 7 to Tiger Lake in maiden at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). GIVE AND TAKE 20l 13th of 15 to Shantou in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft). PRIVATE PERCIVAL 18l 12th of 17 to Questonia in maiden at Windsor (1m 67yd, good).
Selection: CABALLUS

4.40 *SURREY RACING HANDICAP* (£3,469: 5f 6yd) (12 runners)

601	(8)	006203	MALIBU MAN 12 (D,G) (Church Partnership) E Wheeler 4-10-0	J Reid	97
602	(10)	3-05005	MAGIC MAIL 11 (G Coull) J Eustace 3-9-13	Martin Dwyer (5)	94
603	(6)	40-6011	WALK THE BEAT 9 (D,F,G,S) (Country Life) M Meade 6-9-13	R Havlin (5)	[illegible]
604	(9)	000000	SQUIRE CORRIE 7 (B,D,G) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-9-9	Gaye Harwood (7)	97
605	(3)	504300	GONE SAVAGE 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Square Table) W Musson 8-9-9	R Cochrane	95
606	(4)	600431	NED'S BONANZA 1 (CD,BF,F,G) (N Jones) M Dods 7-9-9	A Clark	95
607	(7)	00-0024	METAL BOYS 33 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 9-9-8	T Siddall (7)	93
608	(5)	355010	*JOHN O'DREAMS 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Brazier) Mrs A King 11-9-5*	*M Roberts*	*95*
609	(12)	015050	JUDGEMENT CALL 13 (D,F,G) (K Weston) P Howling 9-9-3	Paul Eddery	98
610	(2)	800005	CLASSIC PET 2 (CD,F) (Frary Bloodstock) C Horgan 4-8-8	N Adams	94
611	(11)	003340	SUPERLAO 5 (D,F,G) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-8-7	J Quinn	98
612	(1)	000002	DEARDAW 9 (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 4-8-1	S Sanders	97

BETTING: 4-1 Ned's Bonanza, 5-1 Gone Savage, Walk The Beat, 6-1 Malibu Man, 7-1 Magic Mail, 8-1 Metal Boys, 9-1 Deardaw, 10-1 others

1995: CLASSIC PET 3-7-12 N Adams (33-1) C Horgan 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

MALIBU MAN 1¾l and neck 3rd of 12 to Bretsyr in handicap at Haydock (5f, good). MAGIC MAIL about 3¾l 5th of 9 to Lord High Admiral in handicap over course and distance (good to soft). WALK THE BEAT beat DEARDAW short-head in 11-runner apprentice handicap at Bath (5f, good to firm). SQUIRE CORRIE 10l 11th of 15 to Soaking in handicap at Kempton (7f, good to firm). GONE SAVAGE 2¾l 7th of 11 to Shadow Jury in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good) with JOHN O'DREAMS (1lb worse off) 5l 10th. METAL BOYS about 4l 4th of 8 to Lord High Admiral in claimer over course and distance (good to firm). NED'S BONANZA beat Dominelle by short-head in 20-runner handicap at Beverley yesterday (5f, good to firm).
Selection: WALK THE BEAT (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	7	32	21.9	Dane O'Neill	4	27	14.8
Lady Herries	7	38	18.4	T Quinn	24	189	12.7
W Haggas	4	23	17.4	D Biggs	7	56	12.5
I Balding	16	98	16.3	D Harrison	12	110	10.9
H Cecil	12	78	15.4	J Reid	20	188	10.6
Lord Huntingdon	8	64	12.5	M Hills	11	110	10.0

O'Neill banned

DANE O'NEILL was suspended for two days (July 25 and 26) for careless riding on Spondulicks, the short head second to Barnwood Crackers in the Steine Claiming Stakes at Brighton yesterday. The stewards found that his mount had interfered with the third, Surprise Event.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: SOUTH KOREANS PRESENT FIRST OPPOSITION FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO PRESERVE AMATEUR VALUES

British ready to stick out in the crowd

David Miller reports from Atlanta on *the hockey teams* aiming to enhance an impressive record

DAVID CANNON/ALLSPORT

The Great Britain men's team in Atlanta will be striving to emulate the success of the 1988 side, above, which struck gold in Seoul

IF YOU were caught by the mood of Euro 96 and by England's performances, if you were lifted by the march of Tim Henman at Wimbledon, then be ready to shout for the Great Britain Olympic hockey teams, men and women, each with medal chances.

While some individual athletes are able to run and jump with the prospect of personal financial fortunes, hockey still represents the old-fashioned amateur ethic of Olympic competition: the dignity and satisfaction of participation, *the possibility of honour* and glory. Both British teams begin their pool matches this weekend, both against South Korea: the women on Saturday, *the men* on Sunday.

The men have an unusual incentive. The German manager of a four-star resort hotel in Tobago anxiously wondered what he might be facing when the men's team checked in two weeks ago, for time-zone and temperature acclimatisation before arrival here. *Would there be similar furniture adjustment* to that experienced by Cathay Pacific from the England footballers?

So mutually agreeable, however, did the visit prove to be that the manager has invited the squad, and their families, to return for a fortnight at his expense, should they win a medal in the Games. In an amateur sport, such an offer is unimaginable.

There is little appreciation back home of the world ranking of Britain's men, who, since the amalgamation of the home countries for Olympic competition after the Second World War, have won a silver medal in 1948, bronze in 1952 and 1984, were fourth in 1956 and 1960, won the gold medal in Seoul and in Barcelona were sixth; the position in which they are now ranked after the World Cup in 1994.

"I'd like to know any other *sport that has stayed in the* top six," Russell Garcia, the lone survivor from Seoul, said at a team reception yesterday. "We don't have the spectators and the sponsors [of other sports], so we've lost the media attention since Seoul, but we're still there close to the top."

In a gruelling preparatory programme since the beginning of May, the team has played 20 matches, winning nine, drawing one and losing ten; *the defeats were all at the* hands of its main Olympic rivals, Australia, South Korea, Malaysia and Holland, who are in their preliminary pool of six, and Germany and Pakistan, who are in the other pool. The top two from each qualify for the semi-finals.

Three tours were packed *into seven weeks, interspersed* with rigorous humidity training in special rubber wet suits that raise the body temperature and water loss to levels that will be encountered in Georgia's stultifying summer climate.

The wet suits, which the England rugby squad used in preparation for the World Cup in South Africa last year and which make you look like a commando from a James Bond film, produce extreme *conditions that can be dangerous*. Inevitably, the stress of training and an excess of match-play took their toll. The squad was immensely fit but was losing too often.

"Our form *was* indifferent, because of fatigue and from playing the top teams so much," David Whittle, the team manager, said. Whittle, who was a player for 30 years and then manager of Havant, is a more humorous and less overtly confident personality than Roger Self, the successful manager in 1988. Whittle is optimistic that a recent relaxing spell, free of stick-work training, has enabled the squad to return to a mental peak. "I think their resilience has carried them through a tough period," he said. "The programme was demanding, *so we curtailed the training* to ease the fatigue."

Nor does there seem to be any fall-out from the sudden resignation in May of David Whitaker, the longstanding coach from the Seoul campaign, who was brillant when present but increasingly found that his work enforced his absence. Jon Copp, a master at Marlborough College and the former assistant to Whitaker, became head coach without discernible ripples.

An ankle injury has forced Robert Thompson, the centre forward, to withdraw from the Great Britain hockey team. He has been replaced by Jason Lee, of Old Loughtonians. Thompson, a member of the 1992 Olympic team, was injured during a training match.

The question now is not so *much* whether the team is mentally ready than whether it can score sufficient goals not to be over-dependent on Calum Giles, the "rolling substitute" now permitted by regulations to come on specifically to take the strike on short corners. No one has succeeded Sean Kerly, with his 65 goals in 99 internationals.

"We've got to be more bloody-minded in the circle," Garcia said. He is semi-professional, having moved to Barcelona as a player-coach. "The other team [in Seoul] had more self-belief. Maybe we underestimate ourselves. We've had some feedback that our rivals think we're better than we do ourselves. Certainly, we're playing some good stuff." Let us hope so. Britain, and the Koreans, who won the last encounter between the sides 2-0 on May 9, will find out on Sunday.

The women, who won the bronze medal in Barcelona, are in a single group of eight, playing in a round-robin, the top two going direct to the final. The women's game has been an Olympic event only since 1980. Spain, Germany and Britain are the probable best from Europe, but Australia, Argentina and South Korea will take some stopping. Britain will be leaning on the experience of Karen Brown, Jill Adkins and Jane Sixsmith, all with over 100 caps, while another five will be making their second Olympic outing.

Athletes find no fun and games on arrival

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THE cheating has begun at the Centennial Games in Atlanta. Drugs? Vote-rigging in the gym? False entry times? No — queue-jumping was the sport, the culprits among the hopping mad who had arrived in Georgia to find the southern state unprepared for its busiest day so far.

There will be no punishment for the guilty among the 3,000 or so arrivals who succumbed to a bout of on-the-road rage. They had, after all, suffered enough, many having travelled halfway around the world only to find the biggest human traffic jam of their lives — a four-hour passage from arrivals hall to accreditation, followed by a three-hour tour of discovery in coaches, driven by a legion of lost drivers from out of town.

If things were bad for Claudia Poll, the swimmer from Costa Rica ranked No 2 in the world at 200 metres and 400 metres freestyle, who fell asleep in the accreditation hall at the airport like a stranded holiday-maker, then spare a thought for the fighters from Papua New Guinea. They had set out on a world tour about 40 hours before, arriving in Georgia from Port Moresby via Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Fiji, Hawaii and Los Angeles, to be greeted by a smiling volunteer who handed them a ticket like those you see at the cheese counter in supermarkets. The number of their place in the queue for an accreditation pass was an ominous 666. The number on the scoreboard read 57.

Duncan Lange, coach to Danyon Loader, the butterfly and distance freestyle swimmer from New Zealand, was encouraged to jump the queue by another volunteer, who "found some smaller [numbered] tickets". "Thank God for that," Lange said. "I though we might miss the heats on Saturday at this rate. It's a shambles. The athletes should never have to queue like this with officials, media and God knows who."

Making money not quite the game it seemed

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

The Varsity restaurant had a kinda neat idea and made up some kinda cute little badges. Five rings, like the Olympic rings, right, only *onion* rings, geddit? And the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games pounced.

You might think that the Olympic rings are a symbol of international amity, or just great sport, but we are talking *logo* here. A lot of people have paid a lot of money to carry the rings on their products and these five onion rings represented something they call "ambush marketing".

The Varsity, under duress, got rid of its unsold onion-ring badges; they can still sell badges that show chilli dogs and fries. This is, of course, an Olympic morality play.

As I write these words from Atlanta, the home of a rather famous sticky brown drink, one with non-onion, non-parasitised Olympic rings all over its cans, the air is heavy with money. Yet there is also a cloud hanging over the city — a literal cloud that masks the tips of the loftier buildings and a similar, invisible cloud of embarrasment.

It is accepted wisdom that the English are equivocal about money — snobbishly embarrassed, hypocritically avaricious — while Americans are contemptibly voracious *but* refreshingly free from double standards. No longer. The United States goes into the biggest, brashest and richest Olympic Games in history in an uncharacteristic mood of head-in-hands agonising about lolly.

"Is anyone worth $112 million?" the newspaper *USA Today* asks on its lead story, as it greets the anouncement that Alonzo Mourning has been offered that sum to play basketball for seven years for Miami Heat. Hell, that ain't so much. Shaquille O'Neal will, unlike Mourning, be strutting his stuff for the Dream Team, the bunch of multimillionaires who make up the United States basketball team. He is likely to be offered $115 million over seven years by Orlando Magic. O'Neal is probably the richest Olympian in Atlanta.

Now, you can make a decent case for these people, saying that they earn their money by honest sweat and genuine excellence, and they are worth rather more to you and me than the czars of business who routinely award themselves head-spinning bonuses; but athletes are public figures, playing *kid's* games for a fortune, and the United States is filled with a sudden embarrassment about them. Especially as these Games already have a slickness, a glossiness and a glamour that we have not seen before.

Two new sports make this plain. Beach volleyball, with its "lifestyle" associations, and its game-within-a-game — the *tackiest sunglasses* competition — is a marketing dream. Note also the odd inclusion of mountain biking as an Olympic sport. Bikes are consumer durables and another window of opportunity for the smart entrepreneur.

Everywhere during the phoney war before the Games begin, we see a celebration of the new, the glossy and the slick — the latest craze and the dollars to make from it — and yet, right on the verge of the *opening ceremony, there* is a yearning for something else. No, not for the hypocrisy of "amateurism", but at least for a freedom from money and the guilts and envies that pervade the stuff.

My information pack from the British Olympic Association bears a picture of a man with snow-white hair and a truly wonderful black moustache. He has a sword in his gauntleted right hand and, in his left, the reins of a plunging horses. The horse is going crazy, but Baron Pierre de Coubertin (for it is he) still looks cool.

This, of course, was the founder of the modern Games, which began a century back. Hunt through the programme of the Centennial Games in Atlanta and you can still find de Coubertin's favourite event, hanging on by its fingernails. It has been revamped and shortened, but it remains unwatachable, nonsensical, un-telly-friendly and absolutely vital.

This is the modern pentathlon, ride-shoot-fence-swim-run, a mad romantic dream of a *mad romantic* baron. *Mike* Gostigian, the leading pentathlete in the United States, earned $24,000 last year. Is he the most important American at the Games?

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Graf accepts medical advice to withdraw

Graf: knee injury

STEFFI GRAF, the Wimbledon champion, has pulled out of the German team because of a knee injury. A medical examination has revealed a ligament problem and Graf's doctor has advised her to take a break of several weeks from training and competitive tennis or risk the condition becoming chronic.

Graf took part in the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, when tennis was a demonstration sport, won in Seoul in 1988 and took the silver medal in *Barcelona four years ago, when she was* beaten by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, her opponent in the Wimbledon final earlier this month. She was shortlisted for the honour of carrying the German flag at the opening ceremony on Friday, recognition of her achievement in winning 20 grand slam titles, only four less than the record-holder, Margaret Court, of Australia.

Germany's Olympic long jump champion, Heike Drechsler, denied yesterday that she had withdrawn from the Games, saying she hoped to recover from a knee injury in time to defend her title. Drechsler, 31, says she will give herself until July 28 to decide whether to compete. "If I can jump 6.80 to 6.90 metres in practice, I will go to Atlanta," she told a radio station in Germany.

Drechsler tore a knee ligament in May. The injury healed, but the adjacent muscle is not yet at full strength. "I will not go to Atlanta as a tourist," the athlete from the former East Germany said. "If I go, I want to fight for medals."

Against the wishes of Israel, the first Palestinian team in Olympic history will compete under the name Palestine. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has rejected a request by Israel's Government to block the use of the designation. Israel *contends the name improperly* introduces politics into the Games.

The Palestinian Olympic Committee was recognised by the IOC in 1993. "The designation of Palestine is perfectly consistent with the designation used by the United Nations," the IOC director-general, Francois Carrard, said. "That's our position and we stand by that position. We do not want to enter into any kind of political issue."

The IOC has also rejected a request from Eritrea, the only member of the United Nations outside the Olympic movement, to send two cyclists to compete in Atlanta.

SQUASH

Russell eyes last four after defeat of Amjad

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

JOHN RUSSELL shed his usual coloured headscarf to get past Paul Peters, of Australia, in the third round of the world junior men's championship here and yesterday he added his eye-protecting goggles to the scrapheap before unexpectedly squeezing past Amjad Khan, of Pakistan, to reach today's quarter-finals.

"I don't know what else I can shed to get to the semi-finals," Russell, 16, from New Eltham in South London, said after recovering from 2-1 and 7-2 down in the fourth game to beat Amjad, the No 5 seed and Asian junior champion, 9-7, 5-9, 5-9, 10-9, 9-7 in 80 minutes.

"It was the choke of the championship by Amjad," David Pearson, the England coach, said. "John looked dead and buried at 2-7 with Amjad cruising the court and hitting wonderful winners from the back corners." Then Amjad hit a cross-court drop into the tin after Russell had ripped off his goggles and flung them over the back wall. Astonishingly, Amjad then slipped from a fluid performance that had caused observers to begin reassessing his chances of taking the title to a hesitancy that produced seven unforced errors in eight rallies.

"He suddenly became tired and nervous," Russell said. "I slowed the game down and floated the ball a bit to his back hand and he started hitting the tin. In the fifth, I did the same thing and was 8-4 up in no time." The result means that Pakistan have failed to get a player into the individual quarter-final for the first time since the event began 16 years ago.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

McAllister leaves little to Chance

PETER CHANCE, who outpointed the top long-range marksmen at Bisley on Monday, came close to winning the match rifle championship yesterday, scoring 965.94 for sixth place (our rifle shooting correspondent writes).

Jim McAllister, of the National Rifle Club of Scotland and a top-liner for many years, took the Hopton Challenge Cup with 971 points out of a possible 1,025, with 105 shots over the four days in the 16in-diameter V-bull. He was two points in front of John Powell, of Sussex, with Nick Tremlett, of Windsor, third.

Chance won the Ogden Cup for the top tyro in the championship and also took the Fremantle Challenge Bowl for the 1,200-yard aggregate, two points ahead of Powell and Clint Dahlstrom, of Canada.

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FOOTBALL

Lee demands talks on shares sell-off

BY DAVID MADDOCK

FRANCIS LEE, the Manchester City chairman, has demanded that a secretive potential investor in the club must reveal his identity before he will agree to further negotiations over a potential sale of shares.

Lee revealed yesterday that he had been approached through a third party with proposals for a significant investment from Middle Eastern sources. However, after initial discussions with the intermediary, Lee has called a halt to talks until he is provided with further information. Lee said: "As a public company, the club has an obligation before entering into detailed negotiations with any potential investor to identify on whose behalf the approach is being made."

Manchester United's attempts to complete the protracted signing of Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic midfield player, failed yesterday when Slavia Prague demanded an increased fee for the player. Maurice Watkins, the United legal director, had agreed a £3.5 million fee over the weekend, but Slavia appear to have gone back on that agreement.

Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, has continued his preparations for the club's first season in the FA Carling Premiership by signing Christian Dailly from Dundee United. Derby have paid an initial £500,000 for the Scotland Under-21 midfield player, who was out of contract at Tannadice.

Graeme Souness, the new Southampton manager, is poised to make Eyal Berkovitz, the Israeli midfield player, his first signing.

GOLF: POPULAR ITALIAN HAS LONG BEEN WINNING FRIENDS: NOW HE WINS TOURNAMENTS TOO

Sunny Rocca is shining bright at last

By Mel Webb

IAN STEWART

Rocca, right, shares a joke with Norman as they pass on the 16th tee during practice for the Open at Royal Lytham St Annes yesterday

THERE are those who make things happen and others to whom things happen. For a long time, Costantino Rocca could be neatly slotted into the second part of the equation. No more. Rocca is a man who smiles a lot and these days he has a good deal to smile about.

Fifteen years ago, Rocca could only have fantasised about the things he has gone on to achieve — two Ryder Cup appearances with a hole in one in the second of them, a Volvo PGA Championship, forcing the Open Championship into a play-off, winning more than £2 million in prize-money. The average worker in a polystyrene box factory in northern Italy, as he once was, might earn two million lire in a couple of months, but sterling? A pipedream, no more.

For Rocca, it is a dream that came to pass. Today, he has risen above his modest beginnings to become one of the best-known characters in golf, a player blessed with a sunny disposition, a text-book technique and, increasingly, a hardened temperament.

It is this last element in his make-up that was the slowest to develop. He is still not without temperamental flaws — who is? — but an iron will behind the cheerful disposition has become an intrinsic part of his character.

He was accused, slightly understandably but also grossly unfairly, of choking when he lost to Davis Love III by one hole in the 1993 Ryder Cup after being one up with two to play. He hit a dreadful, hacker's fluff of a chip from the Valley of Sin on the 72nd hole when chasing John Daly in last year's Open at St Andrews, then handsomely redeemed himself by holing a 40-foot putt that was far more difficult than the chip that had preceded it. Forget for a moment that he then lost the play-off; here, on the 18th hole at the home of golf, he was both choker and steel-braced hero in the space of two minutes.

He holed in one in the Saturday morning foursomes at the Ryder Cup two months later to set up a 6 and 5 victory with Sam Torrance over Love and Jeff Maggert. It was a triumphant moment that was overlaid by potential calamity when Torrance lifted his partner off his feet with an enormous bear-hug. Torrance's propensity for picking up bizarre injuries might just as easily have resulted in the fracture of ribs, or toes, for hugger, or huggee, or both.

However, it was not until he beat Nick Faldo to win the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth in May by birdying the last two holes in the final round that he finally shook off his reputation.

These days Rocca enjoys a handsome lifestyle and a hero's status in his home town of Bergamo — when the Italian Open was held there in May, it was more like Rocca's personal party than a golf tournament. He goes into this Open Championship as an acknowledged contender, but observing him in practice yesterday it was obvious that, if he is a threat whenever he plays nowadays, it remains on his own terms, not those that require grim-faced single-mindedness and a personality subsumed by the demands of the moment.

He is still open and friendly, for example answering a "*Ciao*" from an Italian spectator on the 16th with a "*Ciao*" of his own, a wave and a smile. He also signed autographs by the dozen — it is, incidentally, a signature that is bold, sweeping and exuberant, written *con brio*.

The reception he was accorded was not unlike that for such as Arnold Palmer and Severiano Ballesteros from golf lovers all over the world. Once there was Arnie's Army, then Seve's Squadron. Rocca has not yet quite assembled a Regiment, but he does, beyond question, have Costa's Company marching behind him.

CYCLING

Riis climbs to within reach of final victory

By Peter Bryan

THE contest for supremacy in the Tour de France veered dramatically away from the route that had been mapped out in advance by the scriptwriters yesterday. In his mountain domain, Miguel Induráin, the five-times winner from Spain, was expected to wrest the yellow jersey from Bjarne Riis, the upstart pretender to his crown. Instead, the Danish champion scored a quick knockout on the final, murderous climb of the sixteenth stage at Lourdes-Hautacam, 1,560 metres above sea level.

It made for a forgettable 32nd birthday for Induráin, bidding at last to make his mark on the Tour after a disappointing fortnight that started with him as odds-on favourite to extend his run of victories to six. Riis not only increased his lead over Indurain — who finished the day 7min 10sec down overall and dropped to tenth — but he also sent a signal to others bold enough to covet the race leader's *maillot jaune* when the Tour ends in Paris on Sunday.

There was nothing complicated about the manner in which Riis made his intention clear. He won the 199-kilometre stage from Agen to Lourdes-Hautacam in the Pyrenees going clear before the final kilometres of a cruel climb with such ease that he appeared to be riding downhill. Induráin and a handful of others were left floundering as the big Dane went into overdrive on the demanding 13-kilometre ascent that took him to the top of a world where thousands of spectators lined the road.

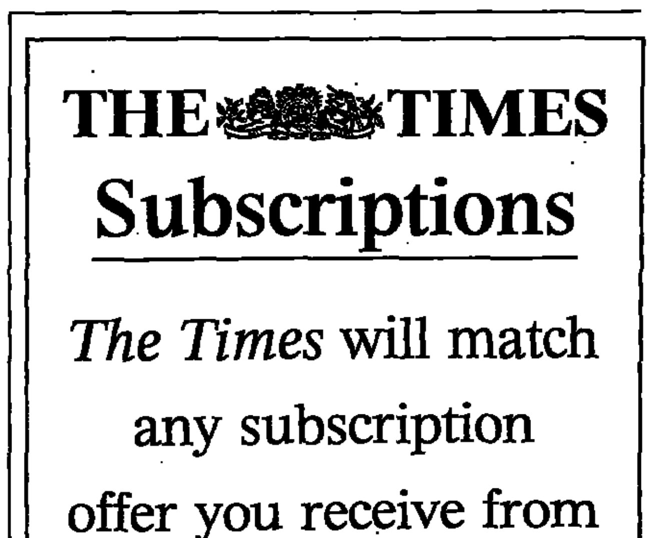
Sweat ran off his chin like a dripping tap and he frequently came out of the saddle to "dance" on the pedals to give him extra impetus, all the time drawing away from any challenge that remained behind.

Riis, who finished third last year, had taken the overall lead after the ninth stage when the Tour crossed the Alps a week earlier at Sestrieres. Induráin had been hoping to make up enough time to give him the overall lead today at the end of another Pyreneen stage that will take him past his family farm in Villava, six kilometres from the finish at Pamplona, in Spain.

Today will be a big test of Riis's ability to recover from the demands he made on his body yesterday. The stage will involve a succession of climbs, the most difficult of which, the Lariau, rises to 1,573 metres.

Riis will need all the support of his German Telekom team to keep him in contention, but, after the stage win yesterday, his confidence was soaring. "I think that today's stage was the key to winning the Tour, although there could still be many dangers ahead," he said. "I am speechless and so delighted that I won. I said I would and I have kept my promise."

☐ Spanish police detonated a bomb yesterday in Pamplona on the eve of the Tour's arrival there. There had been an anonymous warning about the device, which was in a rubbish bin outside a bank. The Basque separatist group, Eta, had threatened to disrupt the Tour, but Induráin told Spanish television at the start of the race that he was not worried about attacks because organisers had tried to respect Basque sensibilities.



Riis, the overall leader in the Tour de France, marks his breakaway victory in the sixteenth stage yesterday

Faldo gets pursuit of fourth Open title off to early start

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

IF YOU want to see Nick Faldo begin his attempt to win his second major championship of the year, then you had better get up early. Faldo, the Masters champion and three-times Open champion, hits his opening shot in the 125th Open at 7.33am tomorrow in the company of Robert Allenby, from Australia, and Fuzzy Zoeller, of the United States. Zoeller, one of the game's quickest players, may chafe at times during the first two rounds, because Faldo can be slow. They go out again at 12.19pm on Friday.

When he won the 1988 Open here, Severiano Ballesteros had an early tee-time in his first round. He was as sharp as a tack that damp day, starting birdie, birdie, birdie. He went on to record a 67, including two penalty strokes and, incidentally, using every club in the bag except his four-wood. As he searches desperately for omens that may inspire him to a third Open victory at Lytham, Ballesteros may be cheered by the fact that he is off early again this year — at 8.50am, in the company of Jeff Maggert and Hidemichi Tanaka.

Jack Nicklaus has never been very taken by late starting times. "What do you do all day?" he has asked. His starting times this year should be to his satisfaction. Playing with Gordon Brand Jr and Shigeki Maruyuma, he is off at 1.25pm tomorrow and 8.39am on Friday.

Some mischievous hand was at work with the trio teeing off at 12.41pm on Thursday. Warren Bladon, the Amateur Champion, used to be bar and cellar manager at a pub in Leamington. Andrew Oldcorn has precisely the sort of friendly face you hope to find standing next to you at a bar while Brian Barnes, the third member of the group, has turned teetotal.

Jim Payne, who won the silver medal for being leading amateur in the 1991 Open and is the Italian Open champion, plays with Steve Stricker, the young American who has made such an impression this season. Greg Norman is the third man in the group that starts at 9.56am.

John Daly, the defending champion, Phil Mickelson and Satoshi Higashi are in the group going out at 12.52pm, just behind Bladon, Oldcorn and Barnes, while Steve Jones, the US Open champion, tees off at 8.06am with Lee Westwood and Wayne Riley, immediately after Fred Couples. Mark McCumber and Padraig Harrington.

TEE-OFF TIMES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated:
7.00am tomorrow and 11.46am Friday: M Mackenzie, A Langenaeken (Bel), R Willison
7.11 and 11.57: P Lawrie, J Rivero (Sp), B Watts
7.22 and 12.08: D Gilford, I Baker-Finch (Aus), P Stewart (US)
7.33 and 12.19: N Faldo, R Allenby (Aus), F Zoeller (US)
7.44 and 12.30: R McFarlane, B Hughes (Aus), W Maylair (US)
7.55 and 12.41: F Couples (US), M McCumber (US), P Harrington
8.06 and 12.52: L Westwood, S Jones (US), W Riley (AUS)
8.17 and 13.03: M James, P O'Malley (Aus), T Tolles (US)
8.28 and 13.14: J Parnevik (Swe), R Charles (NZ), P Jacobsen (US)
8.39 and 13.25: B Langer (Ger), T Kite (US), Y Kaneko (Japan)
8.50 and 13.36: H Tanaka (Japan), S Ballesteros (Sp), J Maggert (US)
9.01 and 13.47: B Faxon (US), D Frost (SA), C Montgomerie
9.12 and 13.58: D Feherty, J Haeggman (Swe), D A Weibring (US)
9.23 and 14.09: J Haas (US), P Senior (Aus), H Clark
9.34 and 14.20: M O'Meara (US), T Lehman (US), A Forsbrand (Swe)
9.45 and 14.31: L Roberts (US), G Turner (NZ), S Torrance
9.56 and 14.42: G Norman (Aus), S Stricker (US), J Payne
10.07 and 14.53: R Estes (US), W Westner (SA), P Eales
10.18 and 15.04: M A Jiménez (Sp), A Johnstone (Zim), J Sluman (US)
10.29 and 15.15: P Broadhurst, D Borrego (Sp), D Love III (US)
10.40 and 15.26: R Drummond, S Field, M Welch
10.51 and 15.37: R Chapman, R Lee, H Meshiai (Japan)
11.02 and 15.48: I Steel, F Tarnaud (Fr), B McColl
11.13 and 15.59: D Smyth, A Lebouc (Fr), A Mednick (Swe)
11.24 and 16.10: G Emerson, * S Allan (Aus), M Litton
11.35 and 16.21: E Darcy, S Murphy (US), A Sherborne
11.46 and 7.00: R Boxall, T Price (Aus), S Luna (Spain)
11.57 and 7.11: D Duval (US), W Austin (US), B Lane
12.08 and 7.22: J Leonard (US), B Ogle (Aus), P McGinley
12.19 and 7.33: S Simpson (US), S Elkington (Aus), S Cage
12.30 and 7.44: E Romero (Arg), L Janzen (US), C Rocca (It)
12.41 and 7.55: * W Bladon, A Oldcorn, B Barnes
12.52 and 8.06: J Daly (US), P Mickelson (US), S Higashi (Japan)
13.03 and 8.17: M Jonzon (Swe), R Tway (US), S Ames (Trin)
13.14 and 8.28: M Calcavecchia (US), C Strange (US), P-U Johansson (Swe)
13.25 and 8.39: G Brand Jr, S Maruyama (Japan), J Nicklaus (US)
13.36 and 8.50: V Singh (Fiji), M Farry (Fr), J Furyk (US)
13.47 and 9.01: T Herron (US), M McNulty (Zim), A Cejka (Ger)
13.58 and 9.12: A Coltart, F Nobilo (NZ), M Brooks (US)
14.08 and 9.23: P Hedblom (Swe), E Els (SA), C Stadler (US)
14.20 and 9.34: C Parry (Aus), A Lyle, P Azinger (US)
14.31 and 9.45: D Clarke, R Goosen (SA), * T Woods (US)
14.42 and 9.56: B Crenshaw (US), N Price (Zim), P Walton
14.53 and 10.07: J Robson, * S Garcia (Sp), T Hamilton (US)
15.04 and 10.18: G Player (SA), C Pavin (US), I Woosnam
15.15 and 10.29: P Mitchell, M Campbell (NZ), R Mediate (US)
15.26 and 10.40: C Mason, T Bjorn (Den), S Bottomley
15.37 and 10.51: S Grappasonni (It), C Suneson (Sp), R Todd (Can)
15.48 and 11.02: G Law, D A Russell, M Florioli (It)
15.59 and 11.13: J Coceres (Arg), S Tinning (Den), K Fukunaga (Japan)
16.10 and 11.24: D J Russell, D Hospital (Sp), G Brown
16.21 and 11.35: K Eriksson (Swe), M Hallberg (Swe), J Townsend (US)
* denotes amateur

Sweeping change brings Feherty qualified success

Patricia Davies hears how the Ulsterman was converted to the broomhandle putter a week before the Open

David Feherty might not have won anything since the Madrid Open in 1992, but at least the Ulsterman now has a putter that won five times in 1995 and he intends the relationship to be a close and lasting one.

"I'm calling her Betty Boru," Feherty revealed after their fourth date together, in a practice round at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday. Those whose film viewing was no more up to date than *Casablanca* were suitably baffled, but the reference is to *Caddyshack*, which featured a professional who spent a lot of time sweet-talking his putter in an effort to hole more putts.

Feherty's new love is his wife, Anita — they married on May 31 — but the putter, 48½in tall and donated by its previous careful owner, Sam Torrance — who had three tournament victories with it and used it as a member of the winning Ryder Cup and Alfred Dunhill Cup teams — is threatening a new lease of golfing life for a man whose career had stalled.

"Earlier in the year, I was hitting the ball perhaps better than ever," Feherty said, "but my putting was so awful I was willing to try anything." He took the plunge into unorthodoxy after the third round of the Scottish Open at Carnoustie last week. "I hit the ball fantastic," he said, "but the putting was dire. I hit a couple of putts with Sam's spare one and that was it."

Torrance did not demur when his broomhandle was swept away. "It wasn't spare at the time," he revealed yesterday. "It was still in my bag." However, Titleist had just made him one that was very much to his liking, so he let the old one go.

For the first time this year, Feherty felt at ease on the greens and he proved it was not a delusion when he led the Open qualifiers at Formby on Monday, alongside Tim Herron, of the United States. Instead of seeing every hole as a potential bogey opportunity, at best, Feherty started feeling confident and at last birdies were no longer rarities rattled in by others. "I don't know what the reason is," the born-again putter confessed, "and I hope I never find out."

Torrance, who has been a broomhandle user for eight years, offered only basic instruction. "He knows what to do," the Scot said. "The main thing is that the putter has to hang straight down." Both are under-the-chin men and yesterday they were in a group that would have made the purists wince, for only one player used a putter of normal length. Robert Lee was the croucher, while Wayne Riley, the combative Australian, likes to get his putting off his chest, as it were.

Feherty: confident

Riley, an instinctive showman, rolled home a 25-footer at the last to win the money yesterday. He forbore to crow, but his walk to the hole was a series of rooster-like struts and nobody in the stands failed to catch his drift. "We always lose when we're not playing for too much," Feherty smiled from beneath a haircut so severe it might have been a criminal offence. "It'll be different when we raise the stakes."

He is in his element here, practising with his friends, making cracks, hurling insults, but his ambitions for the week are deceptively modest. "I just want to make some putts," he said. "I'm not proud. This is my favourite tournament."

Torrance concurred. "This is the best tournament in the world. It's the biggest event a human being can play in. I've played in all four majors now and this is *the* Open. You never get anything like that last hole at the Masters or the US Open. The grandstands are just awesome. At St Andrews last year, I was in tears leaving the 1st tee, but just imagine coming up the last fairway leading the Open ... incredible."

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BOWLS

ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional play-offs: Finals: Group one: Northumberland bt Lancashire 19-17 (at Middlesbrough). Group two: Essex bt Northamptonshire 22-16 (at Cambridge Chesterton). Group three: Buckinghamshire bt Kent 21-20 (at Wealdstone). Group four: Gloucestershire bt Cornwall 25-16 (at Clevedon).
[illegible]ANDRINDOD WELLS: Junior women's *home international* series: Scotland bt Ireland 94-68, England 89-86, Wales bt Ireland 94-68, England bt Wales 96-72; Scotland bt Ireland 130-52, Wales bt Scotland 81-68; England bt Ireland 101-61.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Southill Park: Bedfordshire 200-6 and 301-3 (C K Bullen 128 not out, W Larkins 69, P D B Hoare 56 not out) *Norfolk* 237-6 and 27[illegible] (C J Rogers 104, S C Goldsmith 61) Norfolk (21pts) bt Bedfordshire (5) by five wickets. Truro: Dorset 277-8 and 201-5 (J J E Hardy 86 not out, G D Reynolds 56). Cornwall 173 and 191-5 (M P Briers 62, S M Williams 55) Cornwall (4) drew with Dorset (7). Brockhampton: Wiltshire 223-5 and 270 (D A Winter 83; R P Skyrme 4-37) Herefordshire 264-5 and 230-9 (R Turnell 7-111) Herefordshire (22) beat Wiltshire (5) by one wicket. Bowdon: Berkshire 229-3 and 96 (A J Murphy 4-36) Cheshire 228-7 and 99-2 (J D Bean 54 not out). Cheshire (21) beat Berkshire (6) by eight wickets. Grantham: Lincolnshire 204-9 and 27-1 Cumberland 209-6.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Bristol: Gloucestershire 300-6 (N J Trainor 121 not out, M J Cawdron 49) v Middlesex. Halesowen: Hampshire 423-9dec (W S Kendall 100, R J Botham 64, M Mirza 4-85, D A Leatherdale 3-60) Worcestershire 36-0. Leicester: Leicestershire 388-9dec (J Hangar 100, A Twigg 82, D Stevens 73, M Sutliff 52) Warwickshire 36-0. The Oval: Lancashire 277 (P C McKeown 50, J J Haynes 50, R J Green 63; J D Radcliffe 4-14) Surrey 63-3. Swansea: Derbyshire 364-7 (M R May 145 not out, T A Tweats 79, W Rizzema 51) v Glamorgan. Taunton: Somerset 350-8dec (P C Holloway 131 not out, K A Parsons 69) Kent 31-1. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 416-8 (C M Tolley 114, M P Dowman 108, G F Archer 56; J Boiling 4-91) v Durham. Wellingborough School: Sussex 218 (N C Phillips 83) Northamptonshire 55-3.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE: *Sixteenth stage* (192km, Agen to Lourdes-Hautacam): 1, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 4hr 56min 16sec; 2, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) at 49sec; 3, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) same time; 4, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) 54; 5, L Piepoli (It, Refin) 57; 6, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) 1min 33sec; 7, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom); 8, P Ugrumov (Russ, Roslotto) all same time; 9, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 1:41; 10, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme) 1:46; 11, A Olano (Spa, Mapei) same time; 12, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 2:28; 13, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) 2:59; 14, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) 3:21; 15, P Jonker (Aus, ONCE) 3:33; 39, C Boardman (GB, GAN) 9:06. Overall positions: 1, Riis 74:08:26; 2, Olano at 2:42; 3, Rominger 2:54; 4, Ullrich 3:39; 5, Virenque 4:05; 6, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) 4:07; 7, Dufaux 5:52; 8, *Luttenberger* 5:59; 9, Escartin 7:03; 10, Indurain 7:06; 11, Ugrumov 7:28; 12, Leblanc 7:41; 13, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) 10:48; 14, Piepoli 11:01; 15, M F Gines (Sp, Mapei) 13:07; 30, Boardman 42:26. Points classification: 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 265pts; 2, Frederic Moncassin (Fr, GAN) 208; 3, F Baldato (It, MG-Technogym) 188. King of the mountains: 1, Virenque 258; 2, Riis 173; 3, Leblanc 134. Teams: 1, Mapei 222hr 41min 42sec; 2, Festina at 20sec; 3, *Telekom 53. Today: Seventeenth stage* (Argeles Gazost to Pamplona, 262km).

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plata 4 Rosario Central 0, Argentinos Juniors 0 Velez Sarsfield 0; Lanus 1 Estudiantes de la Plata 0; Platense 1 Gimnasia de Jujuy 0; Independiente 1 Huracan 4; Boca Juniors 4 River Plate 1. Newell's Old Boys 1 Racing Club 0; Colon 2 Banfield 0; San Lorenzo 1 Belgrano 0.

HANG GLIDING

POITIERS, France: American Cup: 1, Great Britain 6,284pts; 2, France 6,161; 3, Switzerland 5,478; 4, Australia 4,738

MOTOR RACING

TORONTO: Toronto Indycar Grand Prix: 1, A Fernandez (Mex, Lola) 93laps (av speed 97.598mph); 2, A Zanardi (It, Reynard); 3, B Rahal (US, Lola) all same lap. Championship positions: 1, J Vasser (US) 107pts; 2, A Unser Jr (US) 99; 3, G de Ferran (Br) 92.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting: Hopton Challenge Cup (overall championship): 1, *J McAlister (NRCS) 971 105pts; 2, J Powell* (Sussex) 969.98; 3, N Tremlett (Windsor) 968.105. Ogden Cup (Top tyro): P Chance (Club XXV) 965.94. Albert Bowl (1,000yd, 1,100yd and 1,200yd): 1, W Meldrum (NRCS) 214.17; 2, T Rylands (Manchester) 210.22; 3, S Collings (Windsor) 209.24. Fremantle Trophy (1,200yd aggregate): 1, Chance 253.21; 2, Powell 251.20; 3, C Dahlstrom (Can) 251.19. F W Jones Cup (Teams of four, 1,000yd and 1,200yd): 1, *Blues and Purples* 555.57; 2, English VIII Occasionals 555.51; 3, NRCS/Alpha 541.46. Five Nations Trophy (Teams of four: 1,100yd and 1,200yd): 1, Ireland 708.48; 2, England 693.37; 3, Scotland 687.48.

RUGBY UNION

STUDENT WORLD CUP: Semi-final: France 31 Argentina 19 (in Johannesburg)

SPEEDWAY

WOLVERHAMPTON: International match: England 54 (C Louis 12, M Loram 11, M Dugard 11, J Screen 7, S Schofield 7, B Howe 4, P Thorp 2), Australia 42 (J Crump 12, C Boyce 10, J Lyons 7, L Adams 6, S Bowes 4, R Sullivan 3, S Johnston 0). England win series 2-0.
PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 60 Sheffield 36, Reading 48 Belle Vue 48.

SQUASH

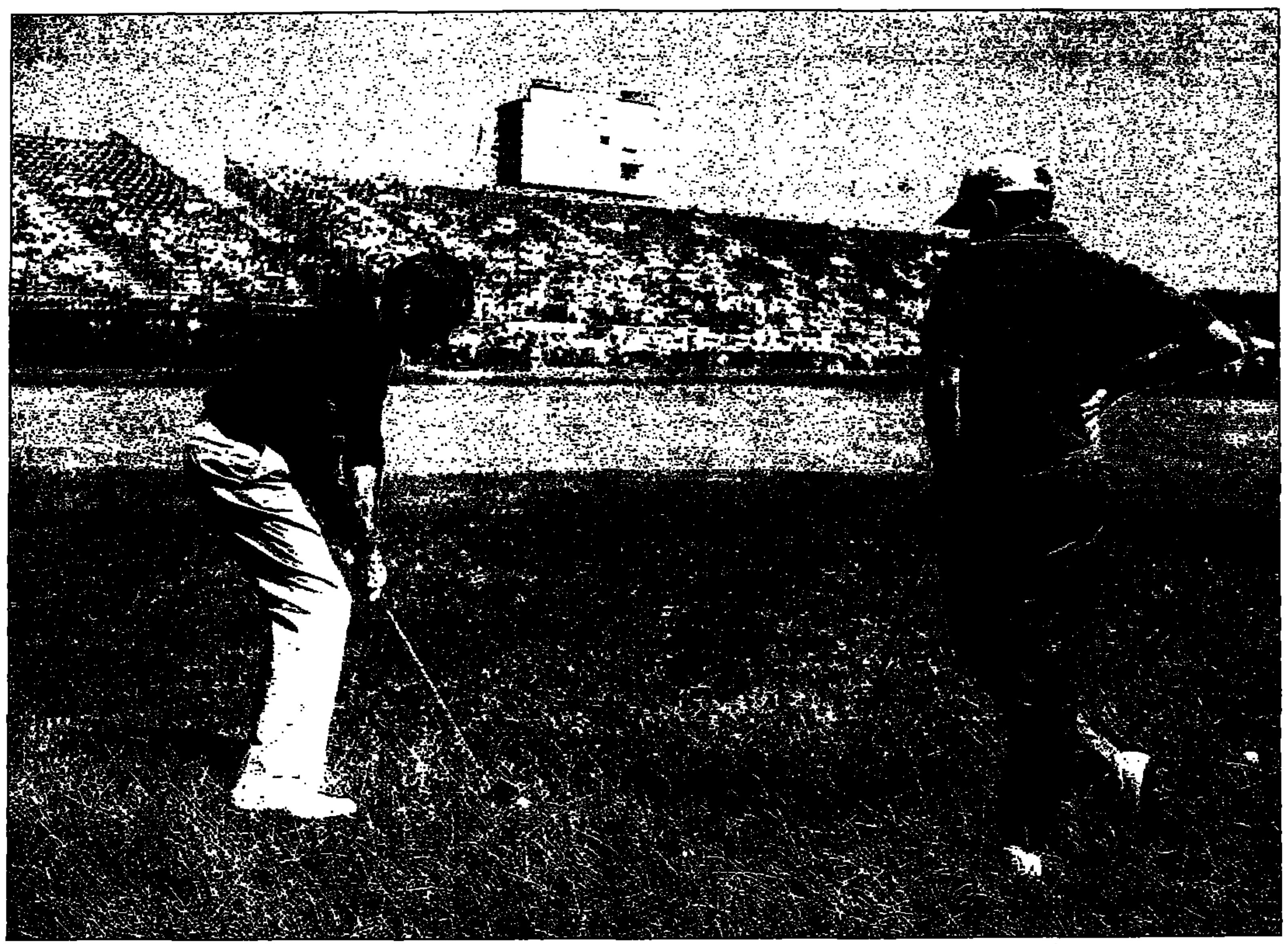
CAIRO: World junior men's championship (selected results): Third round: Ong Beng Hee (Mal) bt M Zaman (Pak) 6-9, 9-7, 8-10, 9-0, 9-4; D Parent (Can) bt E Dippenaar (SA) 9-1, 9-1, 9-2; S Razik (Can) bt L Kenny (Aus) 3-6, 9-5, 10-8; P Yik (Can) bt A Paul (India) 6-9, 9-6, 9-2, 5-9, 9-7; S Boswell (Aus) bt P Allen (Eng) 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; M Hussain (Pak) bt A Behl (India) 9-0, 9-6, 9-2; K Shuja (Pak) bt A Ricketts (Aus) 3-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-4; A Shabana (Egypt) bt J Keen (Arg) 9-5, 9-1, 4-9, 9-10, 9-7; L Beachill (Eng) bt Hamayun Khan (Pak) 9-3, 9-1, 9-2; S Galifi (Fr) bt G Crosby (NZ) 10-8, 10-8, 4-9, 9-4; K El Mistikawi (Egypt) bt Aijaz Azmat (Pak) 8-10, 10-9, 9-6, 9-0; L Harms (Switz) bt A Grant (Eng) 9-4, 10-8, 9-3. Fourth round: J Russell (Eng) bt Amjed Khan (Pak) 9-7, 5-9, 5-9, 10-9, 9-7; Hee (Mal) bt Parent 9-6, 9-2, 9-4; Razik bt Yik 9-3, 9-6, 9-7; Boswell bt Hussein 9-4, 9-6, 9-2; Shabana bt Shuja 9-5, 9-6, 9-4.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 7-6, 6-4; G Blanco (Sp) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; J Krocsko (Hun) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-3, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Göllner (Ger) bt A Chernassov (Russ) 6-3, 7-6; *G Kuerten (Br) bt L Burgsmueller (Ger)* 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt J Golmard (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; S Schalken (Holl) bt J Burillo (Sp) 7-5, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
VIÑA DEL MAR, Chile: Fed Cup: Group two: Play-off: Croatia 5 Chile 0.
MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament (all United States): First round: N Louarsabishvili bt D Buth 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; M Shaughnessy bt J Craybas 6-1, 6-3; K Adams bt S Nickitas 6-4, 6-2; Z Garrison Jackson bt E O'Neil 6-2, 7-5.
FRINTON: Women's satellite tournament (Great Britain unless stated): First round: A Bnegel (Ger) bt A Moglincka (Pol) 6-1, 6-0; *M Martina (Russ) bt A Ponnappa (India)* 6-0, 6-1; S Indermini (It) bt F Kubota (Japan) 6-2, 7-6; M Malhotra (India) bt V Davies 6-1, 7-6; G Niland (Ire) bt L Van Rooyen (SA) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; D Asensio (Switz) bt L Woodroffe 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Siddall bt C Watson (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; K Roubanova bt H Laupa (Est) 6-3, 6-3; A Kunmay (Hun) bt M Wagner (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; P Nelson (US) bt H Matthews 7-5, 6-1; H Crook bt R Hutchins 6-3, 6-3; J Dawson bt L Howes (HK) 6-4, 6-2.

Dream of impossible treble lingers on

If Severiano Ballesteros wins at Royal Lytham and St Annes, he will join Harry Vardon as the only golfer to win three Open Championships at the same venue since 1872. ***John Hopkins*** *believes that there is more hope than expectation of the Spaniard triumphing again this week*



Sergio Garcia, the young Spaniard, watches yesterday as Ballesteros re-enacts the chip at the 18th that sealed his win in 1988. Photographs: Ian Stewart

If man has seven ages, then Severiano Ballesteros seems to have had 14. Two of the greatest occurred at Royal Lytham and St Annes when he won the Open Championships of 1979 and 1988. Now, in July 1996, Ballesteros is in his last age as a professional golfer. He hopes for one final hurrah at Lytham. Form and reason, however, suggest that he has no chance.

Nobody who saw Ballesteros in 1979 can forget him for the sheer sense of enjoyment that he created. It was as infectious as Asian flu. He was on a crusade and swept up everyone with his joyous enthusiasm. No windmill was too big for him to tilt his lance at it. The man closest to him at that time remembers it all as if it were yesterday.

"He did not care what the hell he had done with the ball so long as he could find it and hit it with a good whack," Dave Musgrove, his caddie, recalled this week. "He never wasted any time wondering about what he had done with his swing. All that mattered was what he was going to do with his next shot.

"It was great fun really. Often he ran after it. I couldn't keep up with him. It was impossible. He'd get to the ball, look around for me and when I arrived he'd say 'where you been? It is most important that you keep up.' I'd just laugh. Well, you had to laugh didn't you, otherwise you'd go barmy in this game."

Age withers everyone and everything — and not even Ballesteros, who may be one of the few golfers to have been gifted with real genius is spared its scything qualities. This week, he appears almost a shadow of his former self. His face is fuller, his eyes darker, his voice quieter. He resembles a man who has witnessed a series of accidents. He will never be as he was in 1979 and 1988.

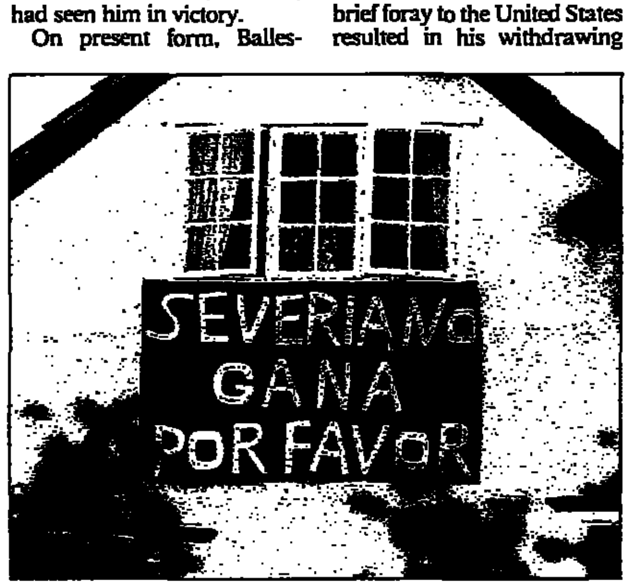
"When I watch film of the 1979 Open, I see if I can pick up any details," Ballesteros said in a muted voice that was perfectly in keeping with his sombre, almost sad, present demeanour. "I am not doing it to see if I can inspire myself. I am proud to see what I did before. I am sad that I can't be youthful for ever, but nobody can do that. Everybody is going to die. That is the only truth in life, so you can't do anything about it."

Yet there would be no more popular champion this year than the 39-year-old Spaniard. "To win again would be a thrill that is difficult to describe," Ballesteros said. "Yes, I can win once more. I am sure I can. To do it would be fantastic. My boys have not seen me win." He stopped as if remembering that, in June, Tom Watson won for the first time for nine years and it was the first time his son, Michael, had seen him in victory.

On present form, Ballesteros has no more chance of winning than seven-eighths of the field — and that may be being optimistic. He has played ten events in Europe and his best result is twelfth. A brief foray to the United States resulted in his withdrawing from The Players' Championship with a bad back and when he finished 43rd in the Masters, it was only the second time he had beaten the cut this year. The very warmth of his brothers in support of him, so obvious in 1979 and 1988, has diminished, too.

Furthermore, the technical deficiencies that have dogged his career still remain. Though to the inexperienced eye Ballesteros's swing is a thing of rhythm and beauty, to the expert it starts with too much weight on the left foot that leads, as it almost always does, to a reverse pivot and his clubhead is closed at the top of the backswing. It is easier for Ballesteros to shape a shot from the fairway or the rough than it is for him to smash a drive far and straight down a fairway.

No one inspires such loyalty, such impossible dreams, so many moments when reality is replaced by fantasy as Ballesteros, unless it was Arnold Palmer being urged on by Americans when it was clear that his time had long since gone. From the tee and fairway, Ballesteros is not as he was, but the magic he was always able to summon up on and around the greens still remains. There is always a chance that he will chip in, hole some putts or send his ball spinning into the hole from a bunker. This is what won him his two Opens here and this part of his play could be the foundations from which to launch one last hurrah this week.



"Please win, Severiano" read the banner in 1988 and Ballesteros obliged. Can he do so again?

Much has been made this week of the flag hanging from the window of a house by the 1st green that urged Ballesteros on in 1988. *Severiano, gana por favor* it read, the message etched in white letters on a blood red sheet. It is there again this year, a visual reminder to one of the game's greatest talents.

So, however, is another sign that reads "For Sale". The owners of this house have decided to move on, just as it appears has Ballesteros's singular talent.

ROWING

Britain banks on experience

EXPERIENCE could provide the key for Britain's challenge in the world championships in Scotland next month (Mike Rosewell writes). Eight of the ten boats that will form Britain's senior team in the event from August 5 to 11 have been announced and all bar two boast previous internationals.

The British lightweight men's eight, winners of the gold medal at the world championships in 1994 and silver medal-winners in 1995, have eight past internationals on board, including four medal-winners. Two of them, Chris Bates and Carl Smith, hold 15 world championship medals between them, including six gold.

Alison Brownless and Jane Hall, distraught after missing Olympic qualification in the lightweight double sculls, have returned to their more familiar rowing discipline in a lightweight coxless pair.

Sue Appelboom missed a world lightweight medal by one place in 1995, due more to the wash from a television launch than her own shortcomings. She plans to put the record straight this year and Tony James, her coach, said: "I have not seen any lightweight in Europe this year that she cannot beat."

TEAM: Men. Coxed Four: Bow, M Johnson (Notts County). 2, M McCuller (Notts County). 3, G McAdams (Notts County). Stroke, S Trapmore (Notts County). Cox, D Chung (Notts County). **Lightweight Men: Eight:** Bow, C Bates (Notts County). 2, C Smith (Notts County). 3, G Davis (Notts County). 4, I Watson (London). 5, J McGarva (Notts County). 6, J Williamson (London). 7, A Butt (London). Stroke, M Louzado (Notts County). Cox, J Deakin (Notts County). **Quad Scull:** Bow, N Hatton (London). 2, C Leonard (Walton). 3, S Whitelaw (London University). Stroke, S Forbes (London). Scull: C Long (Leander). **Women. Coxless Four:** Bow, C Hodgson (University of London). 2, N Robinson (University of London). 3, L Walsh (University of London). Stroke, L Henshilwood (University of London). **Lightweight women: Coxless four:** Bow, M Myers (University of London). 2, T Corless (Staines). 3, R Morris (Kingston). Stroke, J Nitsch (Bedford). **Coxless Pair:** Bow, A Brownless (Thames). Stroke, J Hall (Kingston). **Scull:** S Appelboom (Mortlake Anglian). To be announced after the national championships: men's coxed pair and lightweight men's coxless pair.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

SLOYD

(b) A system of manual instruction or training in elementary woodwork, etc., originally developed and taught in Sweden. From the Swedish word *slöjd*, corresponding to English word *sleight*. "In Sweden 'slojd', or elementary woodwork, is taught with considerable success to children."

ZUG

(a) The name for a variety of waterproofed leather esp. for the uppers of climbing boots. "The manufacture of 'zug' is an entirely new process. The leather will not burn like ordinary leather, and the fibre cannot be destroyed even by boiling."

THYMOLEPTIC

(a) Soul or spirit. From the Greek *thūmós* soul or spirit + *lēpsis* grabbing hold of. Otherwise called psychic energizers, one of two classes of psychotherapeutic drugs, the other one being tranquillizers.

VODUN

(b) A fetish, one connected with the snake-worship and other rites practised first in Dahomey, then introduced by slaves esp. to Haiti and Louisiana. From *Danh*, a snake, and Hweh, a residence.

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Rayer back on course for Bedford

MIKE RAYER, the full back capped 21 times by Wales, will resume talks with Bedford this weekend after differences over his proposed transfer have been resolved (David Hands writes). It is understood that a fee has been agreed between Cardiff and Bedford for his services.

"*Mike is free to go with our* thanks for all he has done for Cardiff," Gareth Davies, the club's chief executive, said yesterday. Rayer is now due to discuss terms with Bedford and hopes to sign a three-year contract with the club, whose playing side is now run by Geoff Cooke and Paul Turner.

Cooke, the former England team manager, and Turner have impressed Bedford with their fresh approach, which has already attracted Paddy Johns, the Ireland forward. "While the saga was dragging on, I did have offers from some clubs closer to home," Rayer said, "but now I am committed to Bedford."

Swansea hope to be strengthened by Stuart Evans and Paul Moriarty, former internationals with rugby league experience. Evans, 33, played for Grenoble while pursuing a lengthy legal wrangle to return to rugby union in Wales: Moriarty has been a prominent member of the Widnes squad.

RUGBY UNION

Richmond's grand ambition grows

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHILE Rugby Football Union (RFU) officials considered the date of their next meeting with their opposite numbers from Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the sport could almost claim business as usual yesterday — the announcement of a national *training squad and yet* another million-pound sponsorship deal.

The RFU has only two choices: to maintain the status quo defiantly over its controversial braodcasting agreement with satellite television, which threatens to remove England from the five nations' championship, or to resume negotiations with its former home-unions partners.

Richmond have been more active than anyone in the transfer market this year after the acquisition of new wealth from Ashley Levett, a millionaire businessman. Now they also have an agreement worth £1.3 million with Oracle Corporation UK Ltd, the information management company.

The deal is for three years and will facilitate the development of the Athletic Ground and the school of excellence for youth to which Richmond are committed. The club has also added another player to its books in Steve Cottrell, the New Zealand-born centre, who captained Cambridge University last season.

Ben Clarke, the Richmond No 8, is one of 43 players invited to train at Bisham Abbey on July 24 in preparation for England's international programme next season — however it may be shaped. *England have internationals* before Christmas against Italy and Argentina, a meeting with the New Zealand Barbarians and a clutter of A internationals in the late autumn.

Seasoned players such as Will Carling, Rory Underwood and Dean Richards have been omitted so that several newcomers can be accommodated.

ENGLAND TRAINING SQUAD: Backs: M Catt (Bath), T Stimpson (Newcastle), J Sleightholme (Bath), J Naylor (Orrell), A Adebayo (Bath), T Underwood (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), P de Glanville (Bath), W Greenwood (Leicester), N Greenstock (Wasps), A Blyth (Newcastle), D Hopley (Wasps), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Wasps), P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton), K Bracken (Saracens), A Gomersall (Wasps), A Healey (Leicester). **Forwards:** G Rowntree (Leicester), J Leonard (Harlequins), R Hardwick (Coventry), D Garforth (Leicester), J Mallott (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), R Cockerill (Leicester), P Greening (Gloucester), N McCarthy (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), G Archer (Newcastle), D Sims (Gloucester), J Fowler (Sale), S Shaw (Bristol), M Bayfield (Northampton), T Rodber (Northampton), L Dallaglio (Wasps), M Corry (Bristol), B Clarke (Richmond), A Diprose (Saracens), R Hill (Saracens), C Sheasby (Wasps), P Scrivener (Wasps), S Ojomoh (Bath). **Specifically omitted:** J Callard (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), V Ubogu (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), A Robinson (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester), D Richards (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins)

RADIO CHOICE

Naturally, it's back to Eden

Second Chance Eden. *Radio 4, 7.20 pm.*

Wolf howls are the last sounds we hear in Richard Mabey's investigation into our resurgent interest in the world's wild places. It's a sound designed to appeal to the romantic in us, though the romantic is not what this documentary is really about. There is nowhere on Earth that is free of human influence. For every ecological expert who argues tonight for the wolf and the bear to be introduced to what used to be wilderness, there's another who puts in a priority claim for the beaver, because at least the beaver does not eat people. The argument I like best in *Second Chance* is that man, obsessed by the idea that everything must have an aim and function, should stop imposing his own views on nature and allow it to take its own regenerative course.

The Curiosity Cabinet. *Radio 4, 2pm.*

Not many radio dramatists have mastered the art of keeping two plots on the boil at the same time. Judging by the first two episodes I have heard of this three-part serial, Catherine Czerkawska is one of that select band. It is fascinating to hear how she uses the special opportunities which radio offers to flit to and fro between the 17th and 20th centuries. The two time zones are connected by two young widows, two widowers, two bereaved sons, a remote Hebridean island, and the embroidered casket which gives the serial its title. All the performances match the writing.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Beach Park in Irvine **12.30pm** Kevin Greening **3.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Bits from Last Week's Radio **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Ralph McTell with Folk on 2 **8.00** Upstream with Bellamy, with the naturalist Dr David Bellamy (2/6) **8.30** Wellwishers (3/4) **9.00** Squeezing Round the World (5/5) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** Euronews **11.00** Wildlife News with Euan McIlwraith **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Steve Cram's Olympic Night. A look forward to the forthcoming games **9.35** Sporting Partnerships. The triple-jumper Jonathan Edwards and his coach Norman Anderson **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Pop Science **9.00** News in German **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Thirty-Minute Drama **1.00** News in German **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Pop Science **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Word of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Sally Peterson **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic FM Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Mark Forrest **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Vivaldi, Elgar, Bax, Beethoven, Puccini, and Haydn

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 57, Appassionata); Thomas (Pale et blonde, Hamlet); Rimsky-Korsakov (Skazka)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Dukas (Fanfare: La Péri) **10.01** *Artist of the Week:* Robert Lloyd, bass. Purcell (Come ye sons of art away, Birthday Ode for Queen Mary, excerpts) **10.12** *Tartini (Cello Concerto in D);* Rachmaninov, arr Sitkovetsky (Vocalise); Neil Saunders (Cantilena); Respighi (Adagio con variazione) **11.05** Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Christopher Leedham (Clarinet Quartet), Sibelius (Intermezzo: Ballade, Karelia Suite); Mozart (O, Isis und Osiris, Die Zauberflöte)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn

1.00 Manchester Summer Recitals. Leon McCawley, piano. Mozart (Sonata in C, K330), Schumann (Kreisleriana)

2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Albeniz (Tango in D, Op 165 No 2); Bruch (Adagio on Celtic Themes, Op 56); Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 2); Reicha (Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 89)

4.00 Choral Evensong, from the Church of Advent in Boston, Massachusetts

5.00 The Music Machine

5.15 In Tune. Poulenc (Sonata for piano duet); Wagner (Overture Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg); Bach (Motet: Singet dem Herrn, BWV 225)

7.30 Cheltenham Festival 1996. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Richard Hickox. With Paul Silverthorne, viola. Recorded at Cheltenham Town Hall on Sunday. Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead); Michael Berkeley (Viola Concerto); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)

9.30 1996 Reith Lectures: The Language Web, with Professor Jean Aitchison (3/5) (r)

10.00 Voices. The first of two programmes, from the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh, to mark the bicentenary of Robert Burns who died in 1796

10.45 Night Waves: Fifty Futures

11.30 Composers of the Week: The English Madrigalists (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (4/8) (r)

9.45 Better than Sex. Sean O'Brien talks about the Tyneside Turkish Baths (4/4)

10.00 News; A Good Read (FM only). Edward Blishen and the novelists Louis de Bernières and Lisa St Aubin de Terán discuss favourite paperbacks

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 On This Day (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, from Hampton Court (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm No Commitments. The comedy-drama series about the lives of three sisters (3/3) (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Curiosity Cabinet. See Choice

2.45 Letters from Abroad. Veronica Cecil visits her childhood holiday home in the Himalayas (4/6)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope

4.45 Short Story: A Lovely Man, by Anne Christie

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Brain of Britain 1996 (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Second Chance Eden. See Choice

8.05 The National Interest. In the first of a new series, opposing MPs set aside their differences to attempt to find solutions in the national interest

9.00 Costing the Earth

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r)

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse (3/10)

11.00 Kathmandu or Bust. The final part of David Napthine and Mike Yeaman's comedy

11.30 Twenty Players (FM only). An album of forgotten sporting heroes. Doug and Demelza Davidson (2/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

11.45 The Shuttleworths, by Graham Fellows (2/6) (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter (11/12) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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Innocent viewer serves too long a sentence

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Time to draw a line in the sand. A futile gesture. I realise — any minute now an arty camera operator will come along, hire a wind machine and film my line being slowly filled by scudding grains of sand. Nothing like a bit of scudding to pad out a documentary, is there?

But then I shall draw my line again and absolutely insist: no more long documentaries. In the past week we have endured *Gordonstoun* (two hours ten minutes), *Arena: Stories My Country Told Me* (three hours, 30 minutes) and last night's *True Stories* (two hours and 25 minutes). Plans to watch a cherished video-tape of *Hoop Dreams* (three hours of basketball) have been placed on indefinite hold. Life is too short.

Olga Budashevska and Kevin Sim, directors of **True Stories: Crime of the Wolf** (Channel 4) had set out to make a work of art rather than a documentary. You could tell that from the frequency with which snow scudded across the frozen steppes. What they actually delivered was a series of undeniably striking cinematic images, which collectively, however, became pastiche. This was a shame, because it was clear that a huge amount of work had gone into making it.

Abandoning everything that smacked of documentary convention, the pair ambitiously adopted the complex narrative structure of the epic Russian novel. They succeeded — after half an hour I still had only the vaguest idea of what was going on. An elderly woman approached (very slowly, of course) a plump gentleman sitting on a park-bench. "Hello... Leonid... Gregorovitch..." Oh, get on with it.

Slowly (and unless you were there you have no idea how slowly) things became a little clearer. This was the story of Sergei Maduev, born of a Korean mother and a Chechen father, whose life of crime began at the age of five and which led directly to the Crosses Prison in St Petersburg. He faced charges of murder, "banditism" and numerous counts of armed robbery.

But it was also the story of Natasha Vorontsova, the lawyer who fell in love with Maduev while she was preparing the case against him and who eventually smuggled in a gun to help him escape. The escape failed, Maduev was beaten to a pulp by the prison guards and Vorontsova was sentenced to serve seven years behind thick spectacles in a women's penal colony.

By now we had seen enough of Maduev to realise that, as well as good cheek-bones, he did have a certain arrogant charm. Or rather I think we had. The problem was that for long periods it was unclear what we watching. Were these the characters themselves or actors? Was the action contemporaneous or re-created? I have no idea and the subtitles gave no clue.

Blame for much of the long-windedness must lie with Leonid Proschkin, a man born with a gift for melodrama and a tendency to talk to himself on slow-moving trains. "I am senior investigator of very special cases under the prosecutor general of Russia," he announced, as the train rattled over a couple of dozen sets of points. He was also the man who fatefully recruited Vorontsova to this team: "The fact that she turned out to be a criminal and a traitor was a terrible shock."

Proschkin's wife apparently thought her husband had also fallen a little in love with Maduev. So too had Budashevska and Sim — in two hours and 25 minutes his victims barely got a look in while he banged eloquently on about being born "with fear in his soul" or the fact that he had "never been in love with any woman for more than five minutes". When the death sentence was eventually confirmed, I, too felt regret — but for the two hours and 25 minutes that I would not be seeing again.

There was more artful scudding (sand this time) in **Dawn to Dusk** (BBC1), which was something of a turn-up as the film was only half-an-hour long anyway. What was even more of a surprise was that, after only two programmes, the innovative, dawn-to-dusk, one-location format had been abandoned. Instead, Jonathan Scott had come up with the less than novel idea of flying around Namibia in a private plane for four days in search of photogenic wildlife. Doing an Attenborough, I think it's called.

What remains a good plan, however, is recruiting local wildlife experts to act as guides. Of the four we met last night, my favourite was Juliana Ziegler, a game young German who thought nothing of diving headlong into the hot sands of the Namib desert to catch a beetle and even less of pursuing a side-winding adder armed only with... a soup-ladle. "What happens if you get bitten?" asked Scott. "I don't."

Finally, **Law Women** (BBC1) came to an enjoyable close with a ferocious display of name-dropping from Stacey Tasker, deputy governor of Maidstone prison. The Birmingham Six, one of the Guildford Four, the Cambridge rapist, Jeremy Bamber, Dennis Nilsen... she'd known them all. "I went to Madame Tussaud's recently and the Chamber of Horrors was full of people I knew."

The regime at Maidstone will have appeared too liberal for some (one in-mate had actually rag-rolled his cell, while others attacked the tabloid press from the safety of their exercise bikes) and Tasker was adamant that she would resign if hanging was ever brought back. But we were left in no doubt that she knew how to get tough. With an imperious flourish of her pen, Black Forest gateau (with cream!) was removed from the Christmas Day menu.

- *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (65433)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (36494)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3502562)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (s) (6602475)
9.50 Living Dangerously: The Queensland Strangler (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7186386)
10.20 FILM: Murder Most Foul (1964) starring Margaret Rutherford as amateur sleuth Miss Marple, who is obliged to take to the stage to prove the innocence of a young man accused of killing his landlady. Directed by George Pollock (22648659)
12.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (2383475)
12.05pm The Noble Guide (r) (2748833) **12.35 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (9867611)
1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (32663)
1.30 Regional News and Weather (12485611)
1.40 Lovejoy(r) (Ceefax) (s) (16360678) **3.20 Perry Mason** (Ceefax) (1740104) **4.50 Knots Landing** (r) (s) (8953611)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (367920)
6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (475)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (727)
7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett introduces the quiz show where adults must unravel the minds of nine children and discover who knows best (Ceefax) (s) (6272)
7.30 Mastermind from the Heritage Centre and Silk Museum in Macclesfield (Ceefax) (s) (611)
8.00 Jobs for the Girls: The Pauline and Linda Show at Crufts. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson face the challenge of learning how to handle two Old English Sheepdogs for a top breeder in the world's premier dog show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (932388)
8.40 Points of View. In a specially extended programme, the BBC's new chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, is in the hot seat to answer viewers' questions on what he intends to do at the BBC (Ceefax) (s) (915494)
9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (5765)
9.30 CHOICE **Inside Story: Stalking the Stalkers.** In the first in a new series there is an exclusive profile of the Los Angeles Police department's "Stalking Squad" (Ceefax) (s) (216982)
10.20 FILM: Frankie and Johnny (1991) starring Al Pacino and Michelle Pfeiffer. Romantic tale about the down-at-heel waitress, Frankie (Pfeiffer) and former convict cook Johnny (Pacino), who is smitten by her on his first day at the diner. Despite their initial differences, Johnny's silver-tongued courtship gradually melts Frankie's icy exterior. Based on an award-winning play by Terrence McNally. Directed by Garry Marshall (Ceefax) (s) (371140)
12.15 FILM: What Changed Charley Farthing? (1974) With Hayley Mills, Lionel Jeffries, Warren Mitchell and Doug McLure. A womaniser feels the need to escape from a troubled banana republic and plans to pilot a boat out of its harbour. Directed by Sidney Hayers (908578)
1.55am Weather (5766925)

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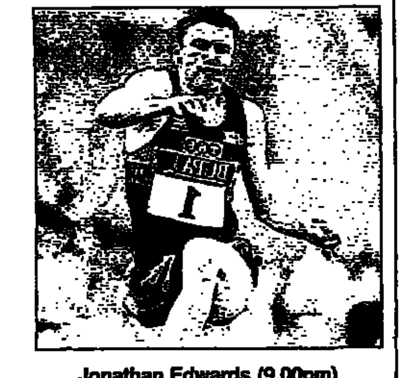
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Fibonacci Numbers (6965475) ***6.25 The Fires of Life*** (6944982) **6.50 The Leathart Collection** (8499291) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (4138630) ***7.30 Smurfs' Adventures*** (9183678) **7.55 Activ-8** (r) (5906017) **8.20 Mr Benn** (6327659) **8.40 The Record** (6870543) **9.05 The Great Depression** (6958320)
10.00 Playdays (5473982) **10.20 Man in a Suitcase** (7791843) **11.10 The Addams Family** (4810901) **11.35 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century** (3694494) **12.05 The Phil Silvers Show** (b/w) (r)(7211017)
12.30pm Working Lunch (22104) **1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (76275291) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (72004833) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76261098) **1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (2393253) **2.20 I'm Still a Tourist** (38476307) **2.30 The Time of Your Life** (7412524) **2.50 Year of the Pier** (9482415) **3.00 News** (9375630) **3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross** (Ceefax) (6262524) **3.55 News** (2813524)
4.00 Cartoon (7469562) **4.05 The Family Ness** (7468833) **4.10 Run the Risk** (5883678) **4.30 Cartoon Critters** (524) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8746727) **5.10 Earthfasts** (r) (Ceefax) (7105982)
5.35 The Sky at Night (523659)
5.55 FILM: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves (1944) with Maria Montez and Jon Hall. Lavish Arabian nights fantasy set in and around Baghdad. Directed by Arthur Lubin (5999475)
7.20 Golf: The Open. Steve Ryder presents a preview of the 125th Open (331814)
8.00 School: Take Three Boys. Behind the scenes at Francis Combe School in Watford. This programme follows three boys with different backgrounds and interests as they get to grips with a new school (Ceefax) (s) (3562)
8.30 Wild Harvest with Nick Nairn: The Highlands. Nick searches for wild mushrooms, goes grouse-shooting on the Strathspey estate and gathers honey for a traditional cranachan (Ceefax) (9369)



Jonathan Edwards (9.00pm)

9.00 Leap of Faith. This documentary charts the preparations of Jonathan Edwards for the Olympics in Atlanta. World champion, world record holder and BBC Sports Personality of 1995, triple-jumper Edwards reflects on his life as a Christian as the cameras follow him through winter training (s) (661494)
9.40 CHOICE **2 Dance: Enter Achilles.** Dance company DV8 in an Italia prizewinning performance (502291)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (612562)
11.15 Murder One *(r) (Ceefax) (406098)*
12.05am The Midnight Hour (9040079)
12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Survival Special: Mountain Gorilla — A Shattered Kingdom
ITV, 8.00pm

Bruce Davidson's documentary started as a celebration of the African mountain gorilla and turned into something darker. Davidson has been filming gorillas in the Virunga National Park in Zaire for eight years. Much of the footage comes from the early part of the period and follows four brother gorillas as they mourn the death of their father and go about their business of eating (an activity which takes up one third of their day), mating and surviving. Then the civil war in Rwanda sends hundreds of thousands of refugees across the border to settle in camps on the edge of the park. The gorillas' forest habitat is plundered by the refugees for firewood and opened up to poachers. After a decade with no killings, eight gorillas are killed in one year. Among them, poignantly, are the stars of Davidson's film.

Ellen: Shake, Rattle and Rubble
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The American comedian Ellen DeGeneres has the best smile on television. If her sit-com's batteries threaten to run down (which is not very often) all she had to do is flash her perfect white teeth and the electricity is immediately restored. As her fans will remember, DeGeneres plays a character called Ellen who is in her thirties, romantically unattached and runs a bookshop. In the new series she owns the bookshop but the rest is as before. The smile is needed more than ever when a doctor cousin turns up unexpectedly in the middle of an earthquake (we are in Los Angeles, by the way) and the said quake reduces the bookstore to rubble. Ellen's friends try to help, in an unhelpful sort of way, but the smile remains, even if the teeth start to become a little clenched.

Inside Story: Stalking the Stalkers
BBC1, 9.30pm

While Britain still has no laws against stalking, in California it has been a criminal offence since 1990 and carries a prison sentence of up to four years. The Los Angeles Police Department has a special unit assigned to stalking and the film is a record of its work. In the entertainment capital of America the stars tend to be a target, and a sit-com actress tells how a stalker finally forced her to move home. But most stalking is domestic, typically a former spouse or lover (usually male) who will not let go. The most striking case is of a woman who has been stalked for 19 years. And you have to say that the law has not done much to help her. A prison sentence and a court order have failed to shake off her harasser, who continues to watch her every move from an apartment across the street.

Enter Achilles
BBC2, 9.40pm

Here are men behaving very badly indeed. *Enter Achilles*, the television version of a stage work by Lloyd Newson and his DV8 Physical Theatre, promises to be the most controversial part of the BBC2 season of contemporary British dance. The post-watershed scheduling is deliberate. The piece is danced, acted, sung and spoken by an eight-man company and takes place mainly in a pub. It is about the worst forms of male excess, drinking, fighting and a loutish camaraderie that waves two fingers to the rest of society. Particularly shocking is the abuse and mutilation of a woman, and the fact that she is only an inflatable doll does not make it any better. And yet *Enter Achilles* has style, and not a little wit, and it has been fluently transcribed by its Dutch director, Clara van Gool. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1333765)
9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (6605562) ***9.50 Hope and Gloria*** *(7171456)* ***10.20*** **News** (9557098) **10.25 HTV News** (9556369)
10.30 FILM: Between Two Brothers (1982) with Michael Brandon and Pat Harrington. Drama following the lives of two brothers. Directed by Robert M Lewis (86165727)
12.20pm HTV News (Teletext) (2389659)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9893036)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9878727) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5021833) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (61761272)
2.25 FILM: The Outside Woman (1989) with Sharon Gless. A woman arranges for a convict lover to escape from prison. Directed by Lou Antonio. Part two can be seen tomorrow (7961901)
3.20 News (Teletext) (9382920)
3.25 HTV News (Teletext) (9381291)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (3563388) **3.40 Wizadora** (1228814) **3.50 Adventures of Mumfie** (3567104) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (7446611) **4.15 Hurricanes** (5860727) **4.40 Are You Afraid of the Dark?** (2443920)
5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7642291)
5.40 News (Teletxt) and weather (517098)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (328104)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (593307)
(885901)
7.00 The Midas Touch: Party Time. Last in the series of this gameshow (Teletext) (s) (1340)

Alec is entertained (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Alec Gilroy auditions music-hall turns in his living room (Teletext) (307)
8.00 CHOICE **Survival Special: Mountain Gorillas — a Shattered Kingdom** (8340)
9.00 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Second part of the dramatisation of the trial of the Menendez brothers. Continues after the news (Teletext) (8104)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) (99388)
10.30 HTV News (611920)
10.40 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Conclusion of the mini-series (605272)
11.25 FILM: In the Best Interest of the Child (1990) with Meg Tilly, Michele Greene and Michael O'Keefe. A woman risks her life to protect her daughter from her violent and sexually abusive former husband. Directed by David Greene (628415)
1.10 God's Gift (4459499) **2.15 Cyber Cafe** (82741) **2.45 Dear Nick** (950654) **3.45 Bushell on the Box** (s) (r) (87296) **4.15 Sound Bites** (36780960) **4.30 The Time... the** ***Place*** (r) (s) (12963) **5.00 Cover Story** (r) (s) (97166)
5.30 Morning News (82147)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (593307)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Lady Boss (86165727)
12.55pm Coronation Street (9378727)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61621388)
1.55 Home and Away (92915456)
2.25 Brief Encounters Ruth Langsford joins 200 cubs and scouts at Temperrow, takes in a tea dance in Penzance, and goes on safari in the jungle setting of Lamorna (61771659)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7442765)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7642291)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (34949)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Lady Boss (86165727)
12.55pm Home and Away (9878727)
1.25 Cross Wits (61621388)
1.55 A Country Practice (78533185)
2.20 People's Verdict (61772388)
2.50-3.20 Women Talking (9560562)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7642291)
6.25-7.00 Central News (593307)
11.25 Phoenix (130543)
12.25am Bushell on the Box (9031321)
12.55 God's Gift (6577418)
1.25 Jobfinder (7073963)
2.00 Dear Nick (2121963)
2.55 In Focus (57807857)
5.20 Asian Eye (1283470)

MERIDIAN

HTV West except:
10.30 Sinatra (43910920)
12.05pm Warner Cartoon (3659185)
12.55 Coronation Street (9878727)
1.25 Home and Away (61621388)
1.55 Shortland Street (78533185)
2.20 Midas Touch (61772388)
2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (9560562)
5.10 Home and Away (7642291)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Freescreen (425415)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (543)
6.30 Animal Country (123)
7.00-7.30 24 Hours (1340)
5.00am Freescreen (97166)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (8403494) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (29104) **9.00 Film: Head Over Heels** (90941746) **10.35 Cat and Mouse** (9834185) **10.50 Film: Gangway** (43929678) **12.30pm On the Road to the Islands** (17272) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (22291) **1.30 Film: Destination Gobi** (16357104) **3.10 The Montel Williams Show** (8242369) **4.00 Backdate** (956) **4.30 Genderquake** (920) **5.00 5 Pump: Slici a Slac — Ysbryd Yr Ystlumr** (7516036) **5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil** (8743630) **5.30 Countdown** (272) **6.00 Newyddion** (784746) **6.15 Heno** (202543) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (606814) ***7.25 Moshi Moshi — Slapan*** (871017) **8.00 Cefn Gwlad: Dacwr Wyddfar** (8630) **8.30 Newyddion** (7765) **9.00 Cat I Gythraul** (8475) **9.30 Tour de France** (37036) **10.00 Brookside** (80630) **10.30 American Gothic** (42814) **11.30 Cybill** (88369) **12.00am Film: Three Colours — White** (1993). The second in the trilogy of films by Kryzysztof Kieslowski, starring Zbigniew Zamchowski and Julie Delpy (766499)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (8403494)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (29104)
9.00 FILM: Head Over Heels in Love (1937, b/w) with Jessie Matthews and Robert Flemyng. A romantic musical directed by Sonnie Hale (52497)
10.30 FILM: Weekend in Havana (1941) starring Alice Faye, Cesar Romero, Carmen Miranda and John Payne. A musical directed by Walter Lang (80712)
12.00 House to House. Political magazine (89901)
12.30pm On the Road to the Islands (Teletext) (s) (17272) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (2973765) **1.55 Augusta's Kiss** (s) (86848098) **2.05 Desperately Seeking Something** (r) (Teletext) (s) (79461920)
2.35 FILM: The Horn Blows at Midnight (1945, b/w). A comedy-fantasy with Jack Benny. Directed by Raoul Walsh. (Teletext) (9247017)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (956) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (920) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (5732036) **5.45 Terrytoons** followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** (882814)
6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (326746)
6.25 Tour de France (591949)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (611562) **7.55 The Slot** (954123)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8630)
8.30 Absolutely Animals. Featuring a heated debate about the annual culling of 8,000 of Britain's 24,000 park deer, to prevent overpopulation (Teletext) (s) (7765)

The earth moves for Ellen (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Ellen.** American sit-com (Teletext) (s) (8475)
9.30 Dressing for Breakfast. A six-part comedy about a single woman who would like to meet, if not Mr Right, then Mr Reasonably OK (r) (Teletext) (s) (37036)
10.00 American Gothic. Four strangers set up a protection racket (Teletext) (s) (9833)
11.00 The Naked Truth. American sit-com starring Tea Leoni. (Teletext) (s) (3920)
11.30 Robert Altman — Giggle and Give In. A look at the work of the Hollywood film-maker (202036)
12.35 FILM: Three Women (1977) with Shelley Duvall, Sissy Spacek and Janice Rule. A Bergmanesque drama about the lives of three women — one a resident, the other two workers in an old folks' home. Directed by Robert Altman (51178654)
2.50am Cheerleaders. A profile of the Scottish Claymores' American football team's cheerleaders (r) (s) (6183019)
3.00 China Doll. The progress of Carmen Pang in a Miss Chinatown competition (r) (s) (33197760)
3.15 Beach. A look at the motorised monsters that are paraded on the seafront (r) (s) (48129302). Ends at **3.30**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (49982) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1959098) **9.20** Love Connection (3516920) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9263123) **10.40** International Jeopardy! (6301388) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1334272) **12.00** Sightings (49307) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (77678) **1.00** Hotel (65833) **2.00** Geraldo (36920) **3.00** Court TV (7307) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5381036) **4.15** Undun (4014746) **5.00** Quantum Leap (8659) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (52369) **7.00** Spellbound (9388) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5814) **8.00** Space: Above and Beyond (59348) **9.00** The Outer Limits (82524) **10.00** Quantum Leap (85611) **11.00** Highlander (69746) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1055586) **12.45am** A Death in California (5375857) **1.30** The Edge (21234) **2.00** Hit Mix (2543060)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7969611) **9.30** Sky Destinations (11140) **10.30** ABC Nightline (23369) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (82814) **2.30** Parliament Live (87098) **3.30** Parliament Live (7036) **5.00** Live at Five (63746) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (95017) **7.30** Sportsline (60974) **8.30** Newsmaker (492494) **11.30** CBS News (60746) **12.30am** ABC World News (34296) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (73692) **2.30** Newsmaker (76586) **3.30** Parliament Replay (73031) **4.30** CBS News (88012) **5.30** ABC World News (24147)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Knights of the Round Table (1953) (30773) **8.00 Anne of Green Gables (1934)** (27272) **10.00 The Giant of Thunder Mountain (1990)** (71494) **12.00 The Way West (1967)** (40123) **2.00pm Konrad (1987)** (12331) **4.00 Black Gold (1963)** (6291) **6.00 The Giant of Thunder Mountain (1990)** (51814) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (5122) **8.00 A Vow to Kill (1994)** (91272) **10.00 Bad Girls (1994)** (403524) **11.40 Indecent Behavior II (1994)** (991506) **1.15am Flirting (1990)** (718708) **2.55 New Eden (1994)** (7631789) **4.25-6.00 Black Gold (1963)** (547234)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 A Farewell to Arms (1957) (403475) **2.30pm Woman of the Year (1942)** (22543) **4.30 Return of the Bad Men (1948)** (13104) **6.00 St Louis Blues (1958)** (78369) **8.00 Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1988)** (73814) **10.00 Conan the Barbarian (1982)** (34448730) **12.15am Darling (1965)** (50521505) **2.20 A Lesson in Love (1954)** (995741) **4.00-5.30 Return of the Bad Men (1948)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Inhumanoids: The Movie (1986) (24104) **7.30 Mysterious Island (1975)** (74681) **8.30 Swallows and Amazons (1974)** (20543) **10.00 Where the Red Fern Grows (1974)** (79036) **12.00 Dishonored (1931)** (48765) **2.00pm Much Ado About Nothing (1993)** (34553) **4.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974)** (4833) **6.00 Midnight Run for Your Life (1994)** (94369) **8.00 Freaked (1993)** (99814) **10.00 Killing Zoe (1994)** (977524) **11.45 American Heart (1993)** (746901) **1.40am To Protect and Serve (1992)** (247895) **3.15-6.00 Knightriders (1981)** (90219654)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78871630) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64399185) **6.55** Chip 'n Dale (64301920) **7.20** Ducktales (72637479) **7.45** Ducktales (34425678) **8.10** Quack Attack (82185302) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (47658272) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (95241494) **9.30** Quack Attack (14977340) **10.00** Raw Toonage (84897920) **10.30** Marsupilami (95247678) **11.00** Chip 'n' Dale (72047543) **11.00** Chip 'n' Dale (70597982) **11.45** Sing Me a Story (62707494) **12.15pm** Lamb Chop (64177901) **12.45** Muppet Babies (50403543) **1.00 FILM: Johnny and Clyde** (37252765) **2.30** Sing Me a Story (64916878) **3.00** Ducktales (10871611) **3.25** Quack Attack (10890746) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (68314340) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (59045543) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (73227104) **5.00** Gargoyles (66413307) **5.30** Raw Toonage (84910494) **6.00** Marsupilami (47182776) **6.20** Emerald Cove (52326369) **6.30** Dinosaurs (84906659) **7.00** The Sinbad Show (66493543) **7.30** The Making of Enid Blyton (56818185) **8.30** Gargoyles (50746307) **8.50** Gargoyles (38983659) **9.10** Gargoyles (81416291) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (55185) **8.30** Live Cycling (7563746) **4.30** Tennis (85879) **5.30** Motors (46253) **6.30** Formula 1 (7814) **7.00** Truck Racing (40562) **8.00** Boxing (26982) **9.00** Cycling (456524) **9.50** Sportscentre (541712) **10.00** Body Building (49833) **11.00** Strength (90630) **12.00-12.30pm** Tennis (56760)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Rebel Sports (96814) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation — Mania (60017) **8.30** Racing News (13017) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (14299) **9.30** Skiff Sailing: UK Series (41388) **10.00** Asian Football Show (96843) **11.00** Sunday League Cricket (91369) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (17833) **12.30pm** Pro-Beach Soccer (36659) **1.30** 101 Premiership Goals (37388) **2.30** Asian Football Show (25272) **3.30** The 1995 Open Official Film (73678) **4.30** Max Out (2271) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation — Superstars (4475) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (815340) **6.05** The Pavilion End (697825) **7.00** The Winning Post Brighton and Doncaster — Live (16678) **9.00** Pro-Beach Soccer (51678) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (747036) **10.15** Skiff Sailing. UK Series (744456) **10.45** The Pavilion End (142369) **11.45** Inside the PGA Tour (732611) **12.15am** Max Out (108079) **12.45** Pro-Beach Soccer (150692) **1.45** Skiff Sailing (196234) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (6698128)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Golden Gloves USa with Barry Mcguigan (3670765) **11.00-1.00am** Sky's Top 20 Games 1995/96 (8193494)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Cutting Edge of Destiny **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Hill Song **6.15** This Is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3105630) **7.55** As the World Turns (4993098) **8.50** Peyton Place (9484982) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9061272) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (4244794) **11.30** Dive Programmes (3894253) **12.00** California's Gold (6065982) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (6538291) **1.00** Getaway (6178814) **1.30** Australian Panorama (6537562) **2.00** Great Sports Vacations (2570369) **2.30** Moving Postcards (1964611) **3.00** Globetrotter (2582104) **3.30** Around the World (5942982) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (86303746)

Julie Delpy and Eric Stoltz in *Killing Zoe* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Great Days of Our Century (6244974) **5.00** Hollywood (2573456) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Mary Tyler Moore (6513982)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, plus **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
7.00pm Secrets of the Paranormal (2574185) **7.30** Secrets of the Paranormal (1985104) **8.00 FILM: Firestarter** (3851630) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (8865370) **2.00-4.00 FILM: Firestarter** (3402708)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5753611) **9.30** Grow Your Own (8453727) **10.00** Neat Stuff (5449017) **10.30** This Old House (5782123) **11.00** The Painted House (1560901) **11.30** Room Service (1561630) **12.00** Julia Child (5773475) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (8457543) **1.00** Simply Delicious (1346949) **1.30** Home Again (8456814) **2.00** Our House (3900863) **2.30** Garden Club (3256475) **3.00** Two's Country (8105508) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (3251920)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (1349036) **7.30** Neighbours (1326543) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5772746) **8.30** EastEnders (5771017) **9.00** The Bill (5762369) **9.30** The Sullivans (8455185) **10.00** Big Deal (1324727) **11.00** Bullseye (1579659) **11.30** XYZ (1812456) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (83233475) **12.30** Neighbours (8459901) **1.00** EastEnders (2480307) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4336494) **2.15** Home James (8490524) **2.50** Sorry! (6144611) **3.30** The Bill (3280678) **4.00** Casualty (1553611) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6080123) **5.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (6468340) **6.25** EastEnders (4992104) **7.00** Morecambe and Wise (3888982) **8.00 FILM: Carry on Doctor** (3908746) **10.00** The Bill (3194272) **10.35** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (3482785) **11.15** Mother Love (4769562) **12.20am FILM: Passion** (69361505) **1.45-3.00** Shopping at Night

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (45291) **6.30** Round the Twist (83123) **7.00** Ready or Not (62982) **7.30** California Dreams (81017) **8.00** Byker Grove (41814) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (40185) **9.00** Iznogoud (64765) **9.30** Bobby's World (78456) **10.00** Battletech (54475) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (60949) **11.00** Stunt Dawgs (47901) **11.30** Baby Follies (48630) **12.00** Barney and Friends (44901) **12.30pm** Tiny and Crew (7885272) **12.50** Little Brmm (44763901) **1.00** Bump (96521524) **1.10** Cocoonel (77012765) **1.15** Teddy Trucks (98540659) **1.30** Sesame Street (71746) **2.30** Johnson and Friends (1306889) **2.40** Greedysaurus (3864456) **2.45** King Rollo (3863727) **2.50** The Clangers (1401433) **3.00** Eek (3678) **3.30** Pink Panther (6340) **4.00** California Dreams (5475) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (1659)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (9641678) **6.15** Mr Men (9639833) **6.30** Babar (62369) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (94456) **7.30** Turtles (96861) **8.00** Biker Mice (12388) **8.30** Mighty Max (11659) **9.00** Rugrats (16123) **10.00** Real Monsters (86949) **10.30** Doug (24123) **11.00** Rocko's Modern Life (27235) **11.30** Pete and Pete (77794) **12.00** Alex Mack (15475) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (43746) **1.00** Santo Bugito (93727) **1.30** Capital Critters (42017) **2.00** Ferrals (2630) **2.30** Mighty Max (8307) **3.00** Biker Mice (1765) **3.30** Real Monsters (7104) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (9659) **4.30** Rugrats (8543) **5.00** Sister Sister (2017) **6.00** Alex Mack (9036) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7348)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Wildest of Tribes (1551253) **5.00** Time Travellers (5900843) **5.30** Jurassica (3250291) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (8465562) **7.00** Wild Things (5805299) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (3237340) **8.00** Mysterious Universe (8500807) **8.30** Ghosthunters (4350104) **9.00** Unexplained (3915036) **10.00** Flightline (5774104) **10.30** State of Alert (5750524) **11.00-12.00** The Claims Men

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5760901) **12.30pm** The Adventures of William Tell (8451369) **1.00** thirtysomething (8448524) **2.00** Honey West (5005497) **2.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3243901) **3.00** The Saint (1569272) **4.00 FILM: That Man from Rio** (6255730) **6.00** The New Adventures of Charlie Chan (3244630) **6.30** Danger Man (3235982) **7.00** Department S (3913678) **8.00** Sapphire and Steel (9405253) **8.30** Weekly World News (6455938) **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (3902562) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Closet Land** (1568543)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (3745) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (9272) **8.00** Wings (2494) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (1901) **9.00** Soap (21949) **9.30** Taxi (23982) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (16104) **10.30** The Critic (92524) **11.00** Dr Katz (26494) **11.30** Nightstand (17302) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (29128) **1.00** Laverne and Shirley (25586) **1.30** Taxi (65692) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (69505) **2.30** The Critic (48012) **3.00** Dr Katz (38050) **3.30-4.00** Nightstand

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8326544) **7.00** Esther (2454291) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4179017) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (2247843) **8.30** Gardeners' World (8069882) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (3850340) **9.35** Kate and Allie (8029524) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (8974833) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (8619678) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (4462185) **11.55** Brookside (4293272) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (7469746) **1.20** Catchword (3206562) **2.00** Agony Hour (2683369) **3.00** Live at Three (2584253) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7173185) **4.30** Crosswits (7136272) **5.05** Lingo (84830901) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7193949) **6.00** Bewitched (7183562) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3215388) **7.05** Brookside (1322843) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (8361368) **8.00** Street Legal (7907681) **9.00 FILM: Necessity** (50462185) **10.55** Sex Life (4845814) **11.25-12.00** More Sex Life

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (7630) **6.00** Batman (2524) **6.30** Catchphrase (6104) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (5559) **7.30** The Fall Guy (65098) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (3814) **9.00** The Father Dowling Mysteries (95036) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (98123) **11.00** Sirens (71630) **12.00** The Fall Guy (97550) **1.00am** Batman (54012) **1.30** The Father Dowling Mysteries (33012) **2.30** All Together Now (91128) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (74876) **3.30** GP (15708) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (83505)

MTV

7.30am Janet Jackson Design of a Decade (83475) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (734017) **11.00** European Top 20 Countdown (92123) **12.00** Greatest Hits (93765) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (44098) **3.00** Select MTV (51104) **4.00** Hanging Out Summertime (27307) **5.30** Dial MTV (4369) **6.00** Hanging Extra (4982) **6.30** Exclusive — the Festival Euro Kennes (8562) **7.00** Greatest Hits by Year (68362) **8.00** M-cyclopedia — N (77630) **9.00** Singled Out (69123) **9.30** Amour (12825) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (63036) **11.00** Unplugged with Duran Duran (80388) **12.00** Night Videos (2734418) **5.00am-6.00** Awake on the Wildside (91215)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (6177185) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (1065562) **11.00** Music First (6176456) **12.00** Heart and Soul (6526456) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (6535104) **2.00** Ten of the Best (1056814) **3.00** Into the Music (6151630) **6.00** Happy Hour (6515340) **7.00** VH-1 for You (3640524) **8.00** Wednesday Review (3659272) **9.00** Ten of the Best (3679036) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (3672123) **11.00** Tommy Vance Is the Nightfly (8162524) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (2560988) **2.00** Dawn Patrol (4543708)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (92391562) **7.30** Life Style East (70641307) **8.30** Positive Health Show (82437659) **9.00** Bengali Serial: Kagajer Bou (82411611) **9.30** Hai Thi Hit Hai (46001901) **10.00** Urdu Serial: Hissar (92376253) **11.00** Manasi (86596098) **11.30** Darrar (32522659) **12.30pm** V3 (46012017) **1.00** Urdu **FILM: Amber** (79603036) **4.00** Public Demand (86510678) **5.00** Zee Zone (41812291) **5.30** Film Deewane (60032949) **6.00** Campus (60022562) **6.30** Zee and You (60013814) **7.00** Flu (41609727) **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat (60019098) **8.00** News (41618475) **8.30** Dastaan (41697982) **9.00-12.00** Hindi **FILM: Bhai Bhai** (52198291)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm King's Row (1942) (91403291) **9.15 Gigi (1958)** (60732369) **11.30 Marlowe (1969)** (61571369) **1.15am Village of Daughters (1962)** (87428780) **2.45-5.00 Cone of Silence (1961)** (51156012)

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American to vary strategy according to conditions in Open driving test

Daly displays defence evidence

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

THE intriguing thought that John Daly could win the Open Championship again and become the first man since Tom Watson in 1983 to defend his title successfully began to surface yesterday as another glorious summer's day drew slowly to a close at Royal Lytham and St Annes. Stranger things have happened by far than that the man who won his first major championship as an alcoholic and his second as a teetotaller should add a third this week.

Conventional wisdom has it that Daly, on his first visit to this part of Lancashire, should scarcely have a chance in the 125th Open because his driving is not accurate on a course where a fair share of the 185 bunkers are deliberately positioned to catch errant strokes from the tee.

It is felt, furthermore, that Daly has neither the patience to cope with, nor sufficient knowledge of, the intricacies that make the course such a forbidding test, particularly in the prevailing northwest wind. Never mind that history weighs against him, because it is the one Open course where an American professional has not yet won the Championship.

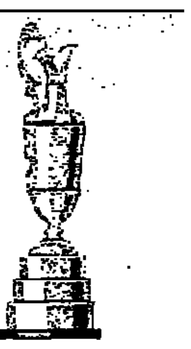
While it is true that Daly's driving is prodigiously long — and he reached the 542-yard 11th yesterday with a drive and a pitching wedge — it is not always as inaccurate as legend would have us believe. It is nothing like as wild as Severiano Ballesteros's here in 1979, for example.

Peter Oosterhuis, who finished second to Gary Player in the 1974 Open at this course, points out that two of the venues on which Daly has won tournaments in the United States have very little room for manoeuvre from the tee. "The BC Open is played on a very tight course," Oosterhuis said. "The Atlanta Country Club is another."

Whereas, at St Andrews last year, Daly usually knew each day what club he would use from each tee, this year, after only two practice rounds, he has realised that it will vary from day to day depending on the wind.

Taking counsel from Greg Rita, his esteemed caddie, who worked for Curtis Strange when the Open was last held here, Daly will vary the clubs that he uses from the tees between his much-talked-about zero-iron, which has a loft of ten degrees, and his driver.

Ballesteros made a persuasive case earlier in the week that the secret of his success over the 6,892-yard course in 1979 and 1988 was because of his short game. "The greens are small and everyone is going to miss a lot of greens," Ballesteros said. "With the crosswinds, chipping and putting is always going to be important."



THE OPEN

In *The Times* tomorrow: a 24-page colour guide to the Open Championship

You needed only to see the way that Daly manufactured a pitch-and-run shot from near the 1st tee of the Old Course to the 18th green last year to realise that, beneath Daly's thatch of corn-coloured hair, lurks a man with a golfing brain and a dextrous pair of hands. Which leaves only his putting.

No less a putting wizard than Ben Crenshaw was recently moved to remark to Daly during a practice round at the US Open: "You know, you and I and Phil Mickelson have similar putting styles." Daly was surprised and flattered.

"Ben said we both have long backswings and use pretty much the same putters and that, when you have a long backswing, you tend to decelerate through the ball," Daly said. "He said I was taking it back too quick. Now I love the way I'm putting."

The wind that was blowing as Daly concluded a practice round yesterday was an unusual one. It was into his face instead of being at his back on the front nine. "In the normal wind here," Nick Faldo said, "you are playing the back nine into a left-to-right wind and it is very demanding. You have to make your score on the first 12 holes and then hang on to it."

Faldo heard the news of his starting time tomorrow — 7.33am — without batting an eyelid and despite the fact that he will probably have to get up at 5.30am. By happy coincidence, he was at Lytham's links at 7.30am yesterday, getting ready for his second practice over a course on which he feels completely at home, since it was where he won the English Amateur Championship in 1975 and defeated Tom Watson in the singles of the 1977 Ryder Cup.

No less happy was Lorne Duncan, the caddie who had been waiting in the car park on Monday, an activity known as roasting by caddies, hoping to find a player for whom to work.

"I've got Todd Hamilton's bag," Duncan reported with a smile on his face. "He's an American who plays a lot in Japan. He's a straight-down-the-middle sort of bloke and, I hope, a straight-down-the-fairway sort of golfer."

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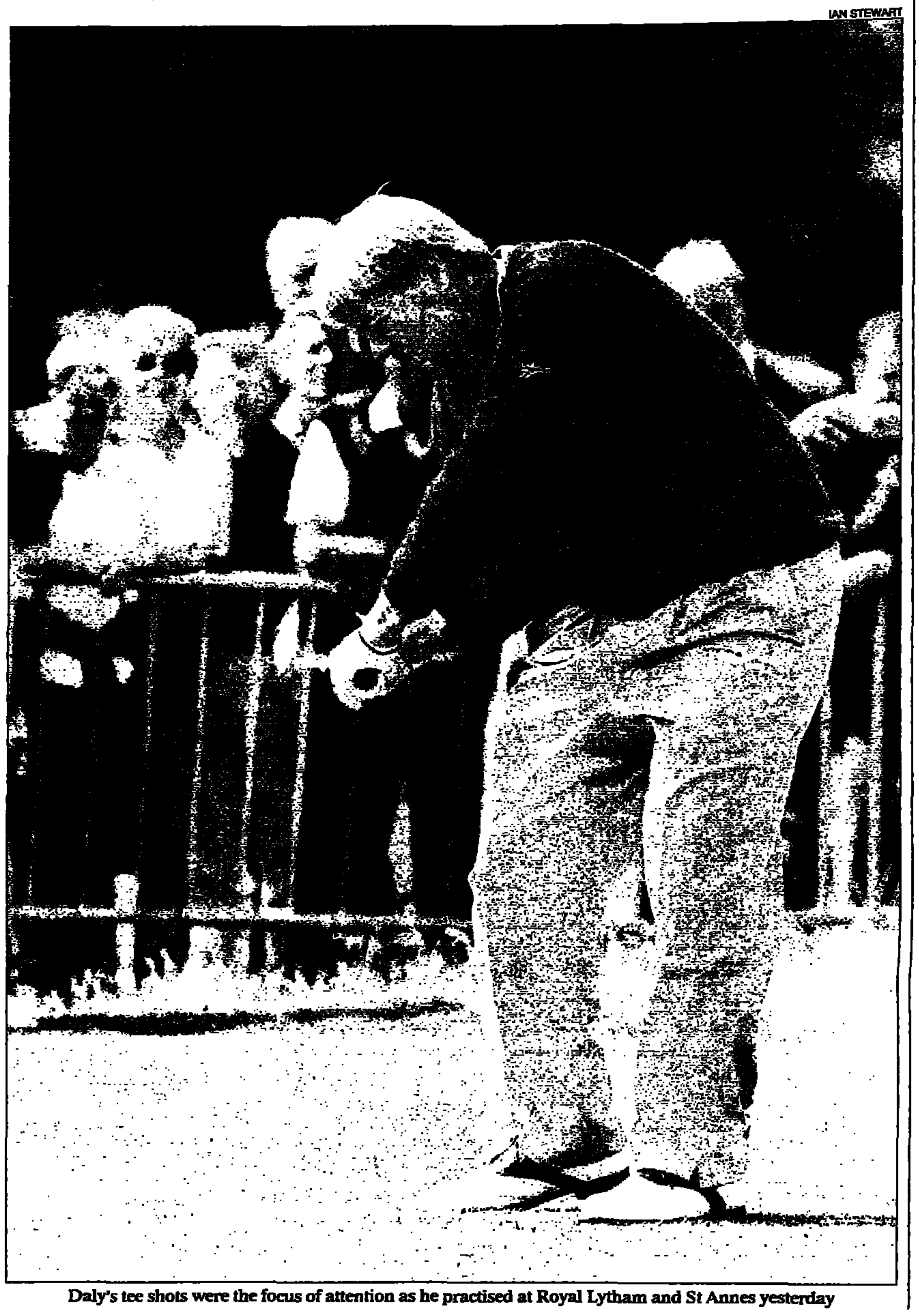
Faldo: early start

IAN STEWART



Daly's tee shots were the focus of attention as he practised at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday

Francis turns to Furlong in search for a star

By Russell Kempson

BIRMINGHAM City football supporters braced themselves yesterday, safe in the knowledge that Trevor Francis, the club's new manager, was about to announce his fourth, and most spectacular, summer signing. It was an open secret that he had been talking to John-Pierre Papin, the Bayern Munich and France striker, and St Andrew's was abuzz with expectation.

Mike Newell, of Blackburn Rovers, and Jan Aage Fjortoft, of Middlesbrough, had also been mentioned on the Midlands grapevine. The wait was becoming excrutiating. "Who is it?" demanded an agitated Blues follower, who had camped in the club car park to get the news at first hand. "I have heard it's Mark Hughes. Is that right?"

Not quite ... but close. Minutes later, Francis unwrapped his latest present: Paul Furlong, Hughes's erstwhile Chelsea team-mate and scorer of four goals last season.

Furlong, 27, had been signed for £1.5 million, a record for the Nationwide Football League first division club, but £800,000 less than when he moved from Watford to Stamford Bridge in 1994. The arrival of Hughes a year ago and, more significantly, Ruud Gullit's recent acquisition of Gianluca Vialli, had effectively terminated his career in West London.

For Francis, harsh economics finally killed off the prospective Papin deal. Having already bought Steve Bruce, Gary Ablett and Barry Horne, and consequently broken the club's wage structure, he — had little left of his £2 million budget.

A public appeal for funds to help finance the Papin project fell on deaf ears. "I think I took on something monstrous," Francis said. "Papin's wages were colossal. Right up with the big boys in the Premiership. I suppose it is like sending a list to Father Christmas. You never get everything you want."

Furlong, he stressed, was by no means bottom of his list. He said: "He can score goals, is very hard working and is a team player, the type the fans can relate to". Cheaper, too.

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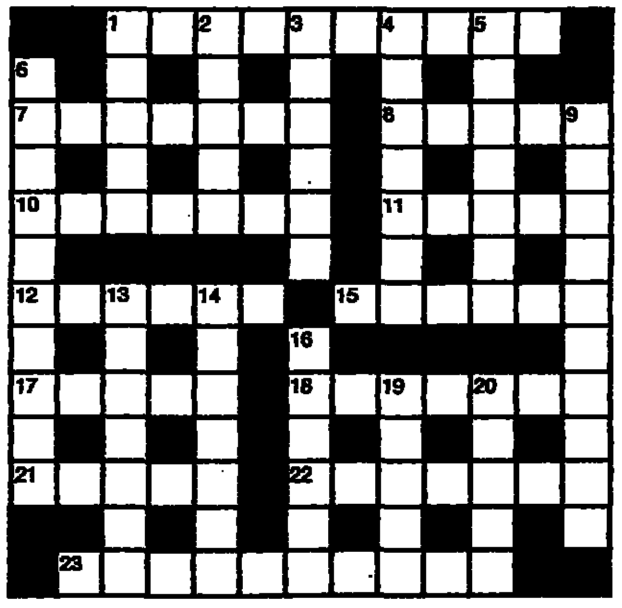
TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 836

ACROSS

1 Very drastic (remedy) (4,2,4)
7 Involve (one) in conflict (7)
8 Centre of iris; student (5)
10 Spanish warship (7)
11 The non-ordained (5)
12 Fleet of 10s (6)
15 Home of Odysseus (6)
17 Massacrer of Innocents (5)
18 Busy; already in use (7)
21 Of the kidneys (5)
22 In the distant past (4,3)
23 Portable timepiece (10)

DOWN

1 Afghan capital (5)
2 Unsecured (5)
3 Rectangular (6)
4 Juliet's family (7)
5 Exact copy (7)
6 Scientist as eg Strabo, Mercator (10)
9 Seize violently: finally find (3,5,2)
13 Seaman (7)
14 Cheats (of a little money) (7)
16 Two-point ball; cowardly (6)
19 Jean —, *Maids, Balcony* playwright (5)
20 Grind (teeth angrily) (5)

SOLUTION TO No. 835

ACROSS: 1 Top-notch 5 Isis 8 Abuse 9 New-laid 11 Fee 12 Timetable 13 Carver 15 Hoaxed 18 Maladroit 19 RAF 20 Chassis 21 Align 22 Hate 23 Trollope

DOWN: 1 Traffic 2 Prude 3 Over the odds 4 Cinema 6 Soapbox 7 Sidle 10 Without fail 14 Reliant 16 Defence 17 Mouser 18 Micah 19 Rhino

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 831
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ACROSS: 1 Elba 3 Ticking 8 Peacock 9 Mensa 10 Conga 11 Lauding 13 Acrobatic 17 Elector 19 Rider 20 Divan 22 Infanta 23 Mithras 24 Sewn

DOWN: 1 Expect 2 Brainwave 3 Take liberties 4 Cymru 5 Ion 6 Grange 7 Hot air 12 Incidence 14 Tariff 15 Seldom 16 Ordain 18 Tenor 21 Vat

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Australian sprinter faces ban from Games after positive test

From John Goodbody in Atlanta

TWO leading international track and field athletes face being banned from the Olympics for positive drugs tests only three days before the Games begin here on Friday. Iran, meanwhile, has dropped two members of its judo team and a weightlifter from its squad for the Games after they tested positive for unspecified banned substances.

As the controversy continues over the allegations, on the BBC *Panorama* programme, that 75 per cent of the track and field athletes competing here will have taken performance enhancing substances, an Australian sprinter and an Italian high jumper were protesting their innocence.

The high resolution mass spectrometer, which has been installed here for the Games, is expected to catch the largest number of cheating competitors since 1988, when ten people, including Ben Johnson, the Canadian sprinter, tested positive. However, Dean Capobianco, a sprinter from Australia, and Antonella Bevilacqua, a high jumper from Italy, tested positive at pre-Games meetings in Europe.

Capobianco, 26, who was fifth at the 1993 world championships over 200 metres, has been found to have taken stanozolol, the same anabolic steroid that Johnson took in Seoul, when he was stripped of his 100 metres title.

Capobianco, said: "I've certainly lost a lot of sleep over it since I was notified on June 25, although I know I am totally innocent."

Athletics Australia (AA), the country's governing body for the sport, said that an investigation was under way. David Prince, the AA president, said: "We believe he is innocent until proven guilty."

Capobianco said of the alleged positive finding: "It is a big hurdle to overcome, being accused of taking a substance I have never ever taken in my life. In the meantime, I'm continuing to prepare to compete at the Games."

He is one of Australia's most eligible sporting bachelors. He posed naked for the *Black and White* magazine, an Olympic special issue in Australia, and featured on the front cover stretched out on the salt pans in Western Australia.

Capobianco faces a possible ban of four years if he cannot satisfy an inquiry that will be chaired by Bob Ellicott, the former Attorney General, and will be using Mishcon der Reya, the lawyers used by Diane Modahl, when he launches his appeal.

The case of Bevilacqua is more complex. She tested positive for ephedrine, the stimulant used by Diago Maradona at the 1994 World Cup, at a meeting in Milan on May 4 and also at the Italian national championships on May 26. Small amounts of ephedrine occur in cold remedies and, as it is only a mild stimulant, use of the substance carries only a three-month ban.

Bevilacqua, who was sixth at the 1993 world championships, says that she had used a herbal medicine, but that the package containing the drink did not list ephedrine as one of its contents. An Italian magistrate agreed with the case put by the national athletics federation (Fidal) that the doping was unintentional.

Although the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is insisting that she should serve her three-month ban, Fidal is hoping that she will still be allowed to compete at the Games. The International Olympic Committee has altered article five in its doping regulations, which allows countries to be lenient on athletes who are found to have taken the substance in error.

The British Olympic Association (BOA) has reacted quickly to the unsubstantiated claims of Dr Mike Turner, a member of its medical committee, that 75 per cent of athletes at the Games are drug-takers. Dick Palmer, the BOA general secretary, said that the BOA dissociates itself from these allegations. "There is no evidence to support this," he said.

The British Athletic Federation yesterday backed away from taking out an injunction against the programme because it was satisfied that *Panorama* made clear that British competitors underwent the most rigorous series of tests.

In Iran, *Abrar*, a daily newspaper, reported that Abbas Abdi and Mohammad Reza Tolouei, the judo fighters, and Shaheen Nassirnia, a weightlifter, were dropped from the squad sent to Atlanta after they tested positive. Two Greco-Roman wrestlers were expelled from the team in April for similar violations.

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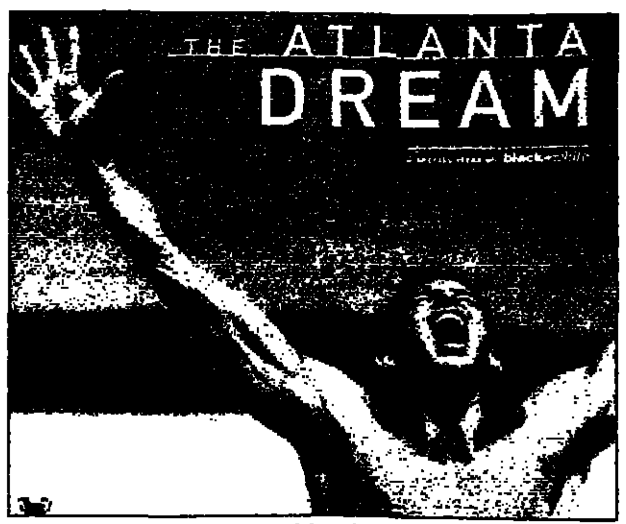

Should Capobianco's positive drugs test be confirmed, he will face a rude awakening from his Atlanta dream

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